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WEEK DAYS

	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	9.15	10.30	13.00	1.15	4.35	5.35	7.10
Yauwatt	6.50	9.24	10.39	13.09	1.24	4.44	5.44	7.19
Shatin	7.03	9.38	10.51	13.21	1.38	4.58	5.58	7.31
Taiipo	7.16	9.49	11.04	13.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taiipo Market	7.21	9.53	11.08	13.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanning	7.23	10.03	11.13	13.43	1.55	5.15	6.10	7.50
Shumshui	7.26	10.07	11.16	13.46	1.58	5.18	6.13	7.53
Shumshui	7.29	10.10	11.19	13.49	2.01	5.21	6.16	7.56

	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shumshui	7.31	10.13	11.21	13.51	2.03	5.23	6.18	7.58
Shumshui	7.34	10.16	11.24	13.54	2.06	5.26	6.21	7.61
Fanning	7.37	10.19	11.27	13.57	2.09	5.29	6.24	7.64
Taiipo Market	7.42	10.24	11.32	14.02	2.14	5.34	6.29	7.69
Taiipo	7.46	10.28	11.36	14.06	2.18	5.38	6.33	7.73
Shatin	7.59	10.41	11.49	14.19	2.31	5.51	6.46	7.86
Yauwatt	8.13	10.55	11.59	14.29	2.45	6.05	6.60	7.99
Kowloon	8.20	10.58	12.02	14.38	2.52	6.12	6.67	8.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	5.25	7.10
Yauwatt	6.50	8.44	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.31	7.19
Shatin	7.03	8.58	9.38	10.51	12.21	2.48	5.48	7.31
Taiipo	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.58	5.58	7.44
Taiipo Market	7.21	9.16	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.00	7.48
Fanning	7.23	9.18	9.55	11.13	12.43	3.04	6.04	7.50
Shumshui	7.26	9.21	9.58	11.16	12.46	3.07	6.07	7.53
Shumshui	7.29	9.24	10.01	11.19	12.49	3.10	6.10	7.56

	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shumshui	8.13	10.38	11.40	13.00	4.17	5.30	6.40	8.09
Shumshui	8.19	10.45	11.47	13.07	4.24	5.37	6.47	8.16
Fanning	8.23	10.49	11.51	13.11	4.28	5.41	6.51	8.20
Taiipo Market	8.28	10.59	11.56	13.21	4.33	5.46	6.56	8.25
Taiipo	8.37	11.04	12.07	13.26	4.40	5.53	7.00	8.32
Shatin	8.51	11.17	12.21	13.39	4.55	6.08	7.15	8.47
Yauwatt	9.03	11.29	12.33	13.50	5.07	6.20	7.27	8.59
Kowloon	9.11	11.37	12.41	13.58	5.15	6.28	7.35	9.07

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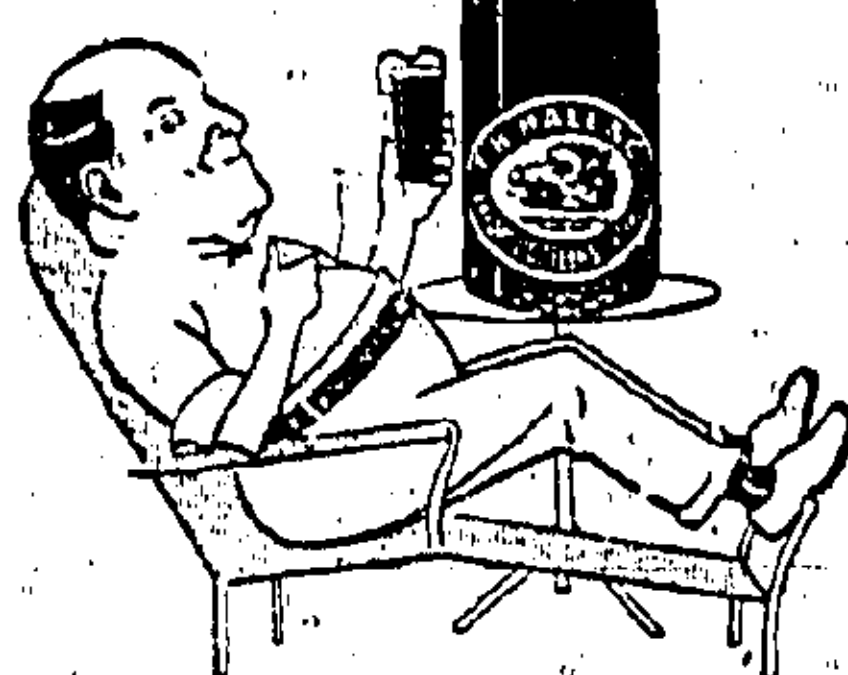
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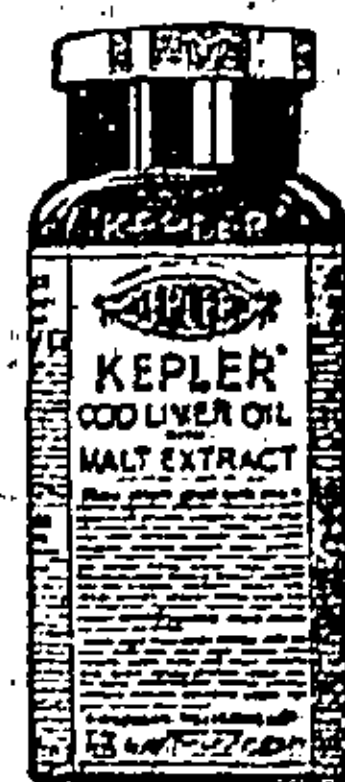
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PUBLIC HEALTH IN CHINA. DOCTORS SEEK PORTION OF BOXER FUNDS.

APPEAL TO BE PRESENTED TO
LORD WILLINGDON.

The Peking branch of the National Medical Association of China as a result of the action taken at the biennial conference of the Association held in Shanghai this month has formed a committee to urge the utilization of the British Boxer Indemnity money for public health work in China. The committee is made up of the following leaders of the medical profession:—

1. Dr. Wu Lien Teh, Director of the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service.
2. Dr. Shisan C. Fang, Director of the National Epidemic Prevention Bureau.
3. Dr. Yen Chi Chung, Director of the Isolation Hospital.
4. Dr. Liu Jui Heng, President of the National Medical Association and Superintendent of the Peking Union Medical College.
5. Dr. Chuan Shao Ching, Surgeon-General of the Army.
6. Dr. Li Tsing Men, representing the medical practitioners of Peking.

It is expected that the Committee will present their appeal to the British Government through the British Minister and Lord Willingdon on the latter's visit to Peking.

The resolution adopted at the Conference of the National Medical Association of China reads as follows:—

"The National Medical Association of China composed of medical men and women trained in China, Japan, North America and Europe now at work in every province and every large centre in China desires at this Sixth Biennial Congress in Shanghai, to record its position on the question of the proposed remission of the British Boxer Indemnity in relation to Public Health Work in China.

In the light of our knowledge of present conditions and the history of our country it is our firm conviction,

- (1) That the need for Sanitation and Public Health in China is most urgent and will become increasingly so as the country continues to progress in Education, Industry, Commerce and Communications.
- (2) That the proposed return to China of the balance of the Boxer Indemnity constitutes a real and timely act of friendship by the British Government and people.
- (3) That this friendly act can best serve its purpose of helping China and strengthening international bonds by the allocation of a portion of this fund for the very practical purpose of improving health conditions through public health work.
- (4) That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted by our officers to the representatives of the British Government and to the people.

Be it, therefore, Resolved:—

I. That the National Medical Association of China expresses its great appreciation to the British Government and People for the return of their share of the Boxer Indemnity, and at the same time, expresses the hope that a substantial portion of this fund be allocated for the specific purpose of promoting public health activities in China.

II. That we appoint the incoming executive officers, and the five Ex-Presidents of our association as a committee, with the power to co-opt others, to be known as a committee for the Promotion of Public Health in China. The duties of the Committee should include the following:—

- (a) To assist in securing the help of qualified Public Health Experts, both foreign and Chinese, for the preparation of a suitable public health programme, which will assure the greatest and most effective use of this fund when allocated.
- (b) To assist in the preparation of statements, from time to time, for transmission to Great Britain and China, as well as to various organizations and citizens of these respective countries with the view to adequately disseminating the opinion of the medical profession in China.
- (c) To confer with the members of the British Boxer Indemnity Commission upon arrival in China.

III. That since Great Britain has been the pioneer in the field of public health whose present leadership is attested by low mortality and morbidity rates, by the development of the most modern public health practices and governmental machinery culminating in the establishment of a Ministry of Health, the Chinese people may confidently look to Great Britain for guidance and help in promoting public health on sound lines in China.

- (a) To assist in securing the help of qualified Public Health Experts, both foreign and Chinese, for the preparation of a suitable 'Public Health Programme' which will assure the greatest and most effective use of this fund, when allocated.
- (b) To assist in the preparation of statements from time to time for transmission to the Governments of Great Britain and China as well as to various organizations and citizens of these respective countries with the view of adequately disseminating the opinions of the medical profession of China.
- (c) To confer with the members of the British Boxer Commission upon arrival in China.

WHITE RUSSIAN COLONISTS.

APPEAL TO JAPAN FOR LEAVE TO
FORM A SETTLEMENT.

A correspondent at Antang, writing to the N.C. Daily News says:—

A number of White Russians, with a firm determination to have nothing to do with the Bolsheviks, are about to make an application to the Japanese authorities for sanction to form a colony in Kwantung (Manchuria) where they and their descendants "could enjoy for ever the protection of Japanese law." They declare they are without a country in that they do not recognize the Soviet Government, and, furthermore, the masses in Russia seem unable to shake off the yoke of Bolshevik tyranny, they fear it will be a long time before Bolshevism is "replaced by something saner and more in conformance with rational ideas of self-government and international intercourse." These Russians include men and women of all walks of life, young and old, adults and children.

Just how the Japanese authorities will receive the application remains to be seen, but should they grant permission for the establishment of the proposed settlement it will remain for our descendants to see whether the descendants of these Russians, through frequent intermarriages amongst themselves, have preserved the traits of their ancestors, or whether through intermarriage with Chinese and Japanese, have acquired new characteristics. In either event, it will have been but a repetition of something that had happened before.

For example, the Portuguese in the Far East are different in appearance to their nationals at home for the reason that, when they first came out to the Orient, the Portuguese brought with them no women. Those who settled down out here, married Asiatic women, and their children intermarried or joined in wedlock other Portuguese who came out later. This process kept on repeating throughout the centuries, until to-day the Portuguese in the East are a unique race.

Likewise, many years ago, a party of German settlers formed a colony in Paraguay, and their descendants are mentioned from time to time in the books of travellers.

Moreover, during "the time of Khandzhi, a large number of Russian males settled down in China and married Chinese women. In their case, however, they did not come of their own free-will, as the Portuguese did, but were taken prisoners in warfare by the Chinese, nor did their descendants marry Russians from home. The result has been that, through marrying and remarrying Chinese, all traces of Caucasian origin have been obliterated, although occasionally a European type of face is to be noticed.

HINDU BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

LOSES APPEAL AFTER LONG
JOURNEY.

LORD DUNEDIN'S REGRETS.

After having worked his passage from India, Bilas Chandra Bonerjee, a Hindu former sub-inspector of Bengal Police, appeared recently in person before the Privy Council, and was refused leave to appeal against a decision of the High Court of Calcutta confirming a sentence of twelve months' rigorous imprisonment passed on him by the District Session Court.

He had been found guilty by a native jury of falsification of accounts of the police, and has already served his sentence.

The appeal was heard by Lord Dunedin, Lord Blanesburgh, and Sir John Edge.

Bonerjee stood at a desk before the Council wearing a heavy khaki overcoat and made his appeal, as his own counsel, partly by reading a statement and partly by commenting and enlarging upon it in fluent English.

CONCURRED BY PERSONAL ENEMIES.
He said he came out of prison penniless and was asking, in *forma pauperis*, for leave to appeal. His case was that he was wrongly convicted, and people had conspired to get him into trouble by charging him with a crime he did not commit. He was guilty neither of criminal offence nor breach of trust. He had falsified nothing, and the whole case had been concocted by personal enemies after he had been concerned in the arrest of men following a revolutionary plot in India in 1922.

Bonerjee wept as he concluded his appeal.

Lord Dunedin said the petition turned only on questions of fact which would be suitable to a Criminal Court of Appeal, but were outside the scope of the Privy Council which dealt generally with questions of law.

The Court, he was very sorry to say, was unable to help him.

Bonerjee: Am I to starve? What am I to do with my family of wife and three children?
Lord Dunedin said they were really very sorry that they could not help him, because they could quite understand that there was a feeling in his mind that there was real matter in his case which ought to be heard and inquired into.
In cases under the criminal law in India there was a provision for appeal which was to the Privy Council. Appeal had already been made in India and the conviction was confirmed. The Privy Council, by a strict rule, did not deal with criminal appeal, unless there had been some complete deviation from the ordinary forms of justice.
His appeal was extremely well drawn, and there were many matters in it which would be most proper for a Court of Criminal Appeal to look into, but it was not for the Privy Council.

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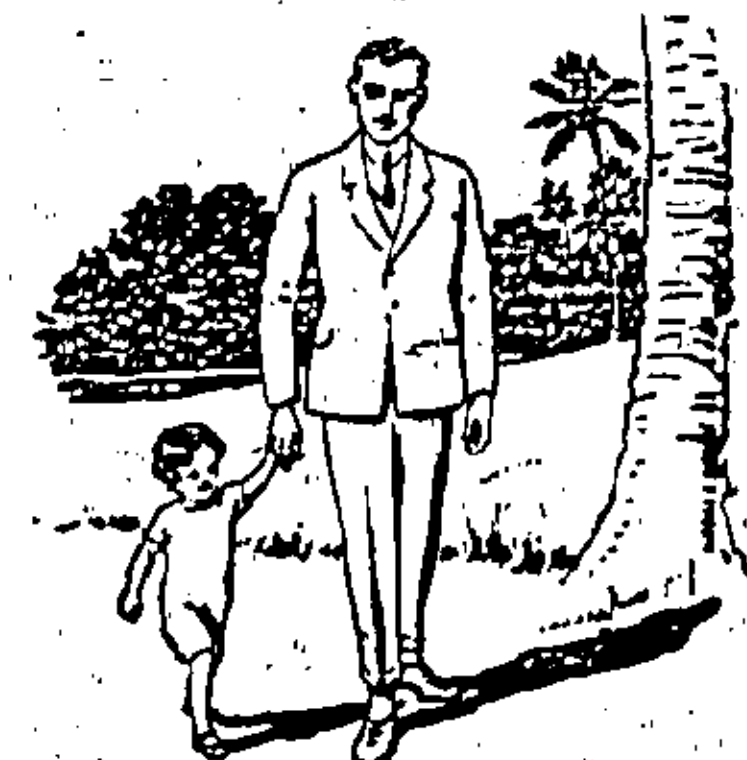
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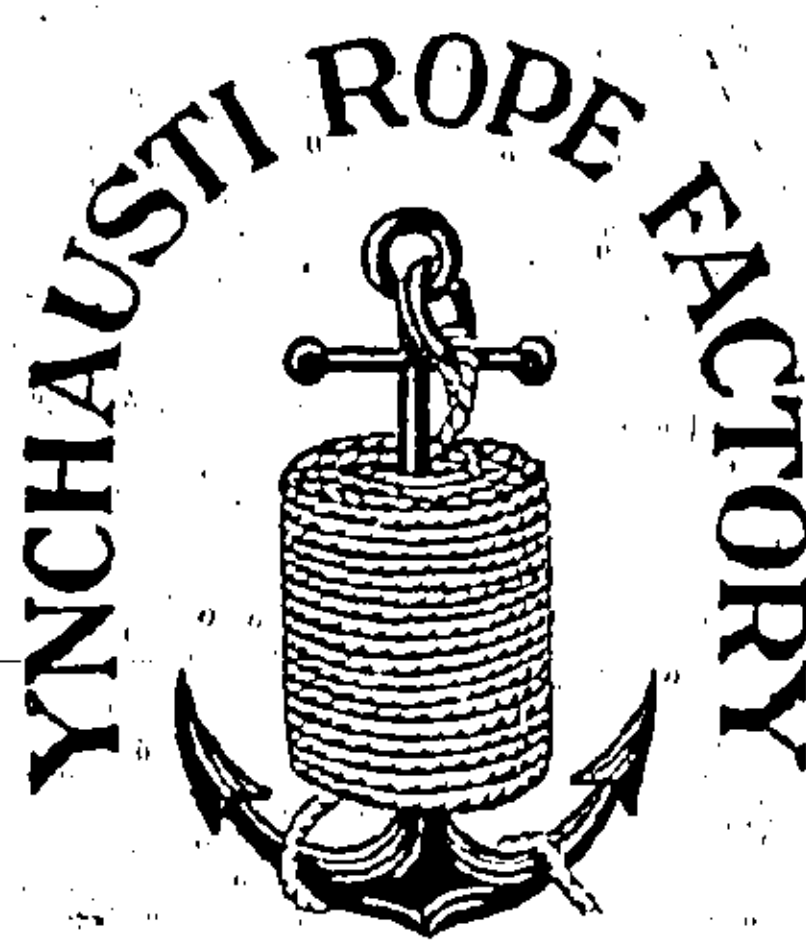
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A.P.B.

COMPANY MEETING. HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD. PROGRESS DESPITE DISTURBED INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS.

The thirty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co., Limited, was held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, yesterday at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to December 31st, 1925.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Chairman) presided and there were also present:—The Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and Mr. T. G. Weall (Directors), Mr. F. R. Marsh, M.I.E.E. (Manager), Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. E. Pearce, George W. Sellers, P. E. Barker, Lo Chung Kue, Wong Ping Sun, Chun Lim Foo, V. Sorby, Leung Yan Po, Henry Humphreys (attorney for Mrs. Dora Armstrong), H. Rutonjee, Leung Fattin, Ip Fook, Tong Hin Pong, L. E. Oserio, O. Baptista, C. G. Alabaster, K. C. C. F. Ribeiro, Wong Hin Kwong, L. J. Davies, J. T. Bagram, and G. Murray.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The Report and Statement of Accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission we will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The net profit for the year after making due allowance for depreciation is \$1,309,965.12 and with the sum of \$124,153.64 brought forward from last account we have \$1,434,118.76 for appropriation.

With this sum we propose:—To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 300,000 shares amounting to \$750,000.00 To place to reserve \$600,000.00 To carry forward to next account \$84,118.76

The dividend and the amount placed to reserve are the same as for last year.

The sales of current in 1925 amounted to a little over 25 million units as compared with 23½ million units in 1924. This output is below our estimate, due to the disturbed industrial conditions prevailing during the second half of the year. We were able, however, to connect up during the year 1,142 new consumers, so that with the return to normal times we may confidently expect a further increase in the demand for electricity.

The capital expenditure for 1925 amounted to \$550,936 and you will notice that the greater part of this was spent on mains and substation plant.

During the year we laid over 26 miles of underground cable and equipped five additional high tension substations.

We have extended our sub-stations by the purchase of No. 3, Wing Kut Street, where the building has been reconstructed, and at Pokfulam, where we are erecting a new building upon land leased from the Mission Strangers. Both these sub-stations will be equipped during the present year. We have also purchased a site on the main road at Shaikwan and tenders have been accepted for the sub-station building which will be put in hand in the near future.

Good progress was made with the scheme for housing the Company's technical staff and at the end of the year the thirteen houses at Causeway Hill were nearing completion.

Our plant at North Point has been thoroughly overhauled during the year. We have fitted the two original turbines with a more modern system of condensing plant in place of the older pattern now out of date. A new boiler was put into commission in March and this addition fills up all the available plant space in the generating station buildings. Several minor improvements have been made in our boiler house plant from which we expect increased economy.

We have installed a private automatic telephone system connecting our offices, workshops and most of our sub-stations, and this has proved to be a great convenience.

During the strike over 650 of our Chinese workmen left without notice. We have, however, a competent European staff and with the assistance of our local staff and those Chinese who remained loyal we were able to maintain a normal supply of electricity. Great credit is due to our European staff for the successful maintenance of the supply during a trying period and for the rapid training of new workmen to take the place of those who left and have not returned to our service, and I take this opportunity of placing on record the Directors' appreciation of their ability to cope with an emergency of this nature.

After the strike in 1925 we decided as far as possible to install labour-saving devices in connection with our North Point plant, and these improvements together with our modern system of distributing from sub-stations were of great help to us during the labour troubles of last year.

I should like to draw your attention to the 1926 edition of our book containing particulars of the supply and scale of charges, etc., copies of which you will find on your chairs.

The book has been brought up to date and is now printed in English and Chinese. You will notice that we sell current for lighting from 13 cents to 8.8 cents per unit depending upon the amount consumed, and that in addition we give a cash discount on any lighting accounts of \$15 or over provided these are paid within a stated time. Several other modifications have been made in our charges and these I feel certain our consumers will appreciate.

There is nothing further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925, (Continued on next column.)

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE. CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 12th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,040 buy.
Do. London	\$212½ nom.
Chartered Bank	\$214 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$230 buy.
Do. C.	\$213½ buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$29 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$75 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$855 buy.
China Underwriters	\$1,901/160 ss.
North China Insurance	\$145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$933 buy, 280 ss.
Yangtze Insurance	\$44 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$186 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$555 buy.
Douglas	\$30 nom.
H.K. & M. Steamboats	\$23½ buy.
Hongkong Tugs	\$34 buy.
Indo-China (Ind.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Del.)	\$40 nom.
Shall Transport	\$9/8 buy.
Star Ferries	\$55 ss.
Waterboats	\$15 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugars	\$31½ buy, 28 ss.
Malayan Sugars	\$39 nom.
Benguet	\$14 nom.
Kanun Mining Ad.	\$11 buy.
Langkai (combined)	\$11 buy.
Do. (single)	\$11 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	\$15 sel.
Shanghai Loans	\$7 nom.
Baths	\$5 buy.
Trench Mines	\$5½ buy.
Ural Caspian	\$7 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$181 buy, 182/2 ss.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$614 buy.
New Engineering	\$15 buy.
Shanghai Dock	\$10 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$101 buy, 65 ss.
Hongkong Realty	\$24 buy, 5 ss.
Hongkong Landys (cp.)	\$52 sel.
H.K. Territorials (cp.)	\$52 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$144 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$120 sel.
Rural Lands	\$7 nom.
Two Castles	\$12, 255 buy.
Oriental	\$14 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$14 sel.
Do. (new)	\$14 sel.
Amusements	\$11½ buy.
Canton Leds	\$7½ nom.
Cements (combined)	\$164 buy.
Do. (old)	\$13½ buy.
Do. (new)	\$13 buy.
China Buses	\$11½ buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$21½ buy, 21/40 ss.
Do. (old)	\$15 buy.
Do. (new)	\$12½ sel.
China Providents	\$8 ss.
Constructions	\$3 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$20 ss.
Dei A Wing (cp.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$614 buy, 62 ss.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$25 ss.
H.K. Bays (combined)	\$30 ss.
Do. (old)	\$12 nom.
Do. (new)	\$7 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$25 buy, 25/25½ ss.
Lane Crawfords	\$10½ buy.
Macintoshes	\$21½ nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$164 buy.
Do. (new) (cp.)	\$7 buy.
Sinceres	\$11 sel.
United Asbestos	\$4 sel.
Watsons (old)	\$30 nom.
Do. (new)	\$11 sel.
Wai Powells	\$10 nom.
Telephones	\$34 buy.
Singapore Tractions	\$4 sel.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; ss—sales; nom.—nominal.	

be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. A. H. Compton, seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts and in doing so I should like most particularly to congratulate the Directors and the Company's Agents upon the very excellent result of the year's working, notwithstanding the great labour difficulties that the Company has had to face during the period under review.

The appropriation of six lakhs to reserve and the payment of a dividend similar to that for last year will, I feel certain, meet with the approval of all shareholders.

I am glad to notice that, although the output for 1925 did not quite come up to the estimate, there was a substantial increase over the sales of current in 1924. It is also gratifying to learn that, in spite of the disturbed industrial conditions, the number of our consumers has actually increased during the year.

We have all listened with interest to the account of the new works carried out during 1925. It has always been the policy of the Directors to maintain our plant in an up-to-date condition and to extend our installation to meet present and future demands, and I feel certain that a continuation of this policy will at all times have the whole-hearted support of the shareholders.

The maintenance of a normal supply of electricity during the trying days of the strike, when the greater portion of our Chinese workmen left us without notice, is an achievement of which our European Staff and those associated with them may well be proud, and all will agree that the greatest credit is due to them.

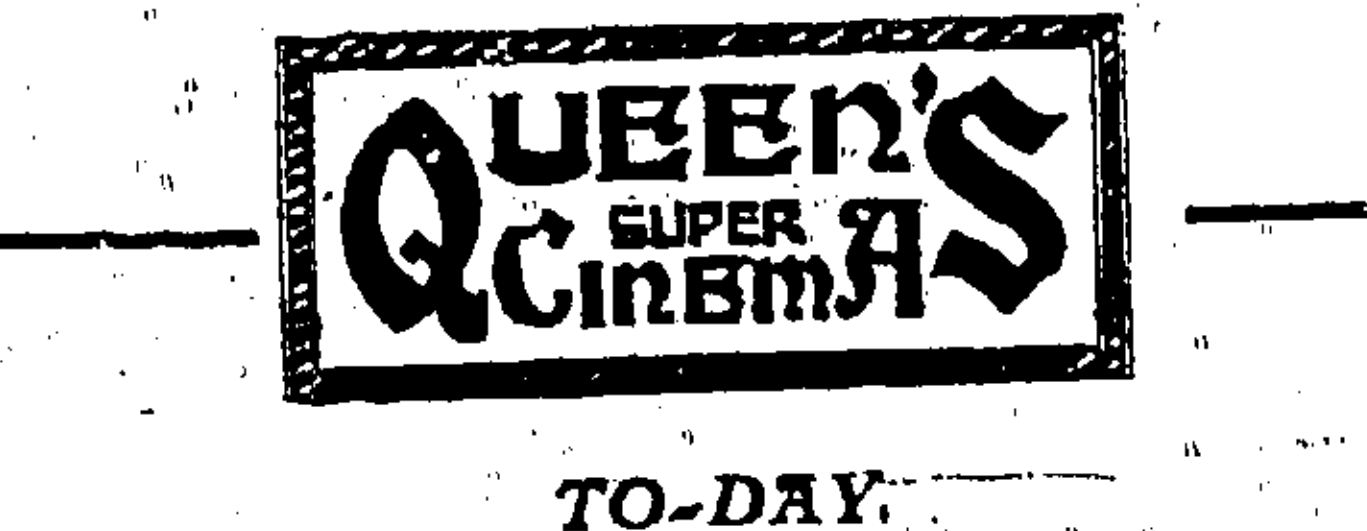
With these few remarks I beg, Sir, to second the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented.

The Report and Accounts were adopted unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. T. E. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Henry Humphreys, the appointment of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard to the vacant seat on the Directorate was confirmed; and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. and Mr. T. G. Weall were re-elected to the Directorate of the Company.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at remuneration of \$1,000, on the proposition of Mr. L. J. Davies, seconded by Mr. G. W. Sellers. The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.



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COMPANY REPORTS.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

The local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., have received a telegram from their London Office advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 8 per cent. on the "A," "B," and "C" shares will be declared (making 16 per cent. for the year 1925 less income tax) that £50,000 be carried to Reserve Fund (raising it to £1,350,000) and that £182,000 be carried forward.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be coming meeting of shareholders to be held on the 26th inst. the payment out of the profits for the year 1925 of a dividend of 33 per share absorbing \$304,000; to pass \$100,000 to credit of Reserve Fund and \$15,447.73, at exchange 2/4½ = \$120,856.09, to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$350,782.41 in respect of the year 1925.

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The profit for the twelve months ending 31st October, 1925, amounts to \$105,702.87. (Continued on next column.)

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rupee, March 11th.	
Today's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	133.90
Brussels	137
Amsterdam	12.13
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	13.67
Vienna	34.5
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	23
Buenos Aires	454
Shanghai	3/01
Yokohama	1/10 5/16
New York	4.86½
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121
Stockholm	12.12
Oslo	22.37
Prague	184
Madrid	24.49
Rio	73
Bombay	1/61
Hongkong	2/32
Silver (forward)	30½
Silver (spot)	30.7/18

which together with the carry forward of \$49,223.33 from the previous years leaves \$155,423.23 available for appropriation. The Directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:—Pay a dividend of 70 cents per share on 90,000 shares; pay a dividend of 52½ cents per share on 30,000 shares of the new issue; place to contingency account \$25,000, and carry forward \$50,670.23.

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Hongkong Weekly Press.

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, PUBLISHED TO-DAY, CONTAINS THE DETAILED CABLE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE NORTH REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS AROUND PEKING AND TIENTSIN.

It also gives the day-to-day account of the happenings in Canton which have resulted in the remarkable influx of refugees to this Colony.

There is always something of interest in the news service which the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS provides.

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LOCAL RACING NOTES.

SHORTAGE OF PONIES FOR EXTRA MEETINGS.

THREE CUPS PRESENTED.

[BY ARGUS.]

At a meeting of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on Thursday night, it was definitely decided to hold, at any rate five extra meetings this year. The dates already fixed are:

First Extra, Saturday, April 3rd.
Second Extra, Saturday, May 1st.
Third Extra, Saturday, June 5th.
Fourth Extra, Saturday, October 2nd.
Fifth Extra, Saturday, November 6th.
At the moment there are less than 40 ponies that are likely to be available for the first three extra meetings. After the "break," however, it is hoped that other ponies will be available, in which case it is quite probable that the Stewards will decide on holding at least one more meeting during the year.

THE FIRST EXTRA.

The programme for the First Extra contains six events.

The first event is a 3 furlong race for subscription griffins which have not won the first prize being \$400.

The second and third events (or possibly second and fifth) will be divided into "A" and "B" handicaps over the 6 furlong course.

A Polo Scoury (3 furlongs) for genuine polo ponies, to be ridden by playing members of the Polo Club is another event on the card, prizes for which are \$200 to the winner; \$100 to the second and \$50 to the third.

The First Aggregate Stakes is down for decision also. The conditions are the same as last year. With the exception that the weight is 140lbs. in place of 145lbs, with the usual penalties.

There is a race for griffins from the 2 mile post (distance 1 mile, 165 yards) winner to receive, in addition to the stakes, a "Local Option Cup," generously given by Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

The last event is a 1 1/2 miles handicap, open to all China ponies. Here again the winner will receive a "Local Option Cup," kindly presented by Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

Draft programmes will be available to-day in all probability. The foregoing details were courteously supplied to me by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Secretary to the Hongkong Jockey Club.

LADY SEVERN CUP.

A feature of the coming extra meetings will be a competition for a Cup, kindly given by Lady Severn for Novices, who have not won 5 races. Marks will be awarded as follows: Win 4 points; second 3 points; third 1 point. The Jockey, who has the highest aggregate number of points at the end of the season will become the possessor of Lady Severn's Cup. Fresh blood is badly needed among the local jockeys; and it is hoped that the generous offer of Lady Severn will encourage more of the younger set to ride at the extra meetings.

Unless fresh blood is found, there may well be a shortage of jockeys this season. Among those who were riding last year, we have lost Mr. E. L. Davies, Capt. Oxspring and Mr. A. W. Buck, while Mr. F. W. Pollock is shortly going home on leave. In addition, the naval duties of Lt. Cdr. Thompson may prevent his being seen in the saddle as frequently as in former years.

FEES FOR LADIES.

The Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have decided that at future meetings at Happy Valley ladies will no longer be admitted free of charge.

Each member will be entitled to two free tickets for ladies, but admission cards in excess of that number will cost \$5 each. In the public enclosure, the fee for admission, will be \$1, irrespective of sex.

THE FANLING HUNT.

Prospects with the Fanling Hunt, however, are still bright. On Sunday, there will be a point to point race, over a course of about 4 1/2 miles. Over a dozen entries have been received and there will be prizes for the first heavyweight and first lightweight home.

The meet is at 10.30 at Annandale, so that those desirous of being present should leave Kowloon by the 9.15 train.

REV. FATHER VALTORTA.

TO SUCCEED THE LATE BISHOP POZZONI.

A telegram has been received from Milan, the headquarters of the local Catholic Mission, that the Holy Father Pope Pius XI. has been pleased to nominate the Very Rev. Fr. Henry Valtorta to be the Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong, in succession to the late Bishop D. Pozzoni.

The Very Rev. Fr. Henry Valtorta was born in the 1883 at Carate (Milano, Italy). He studied at the Theological University of Milan, was ordained in 1907, and arrived in Hongkong in October, 1907, when he was assigned for work in the New Territory, the Subprefecture of Po-On, Wei-chow, and Hoifung. He has been also Military and Naval Chaplain to the Roman Catholics at Hongkong, and is now Rector of St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley. Father Valtorta is a member of the Education Board of the Colony. The fact that he is a good linguist and a man of considerable scientific attainment should contribute materially to a successful career in the high office to which he has now been appointed.

MR. R. GRIMSHAW HONOURED.

HONGKONG F.A. DINNER AND PRESENTATION.

There was a pleasant function at the Hongkong Hotel last night, when the Hongkong Football Association held a dinner in honour of Mr. R. Grimshaw, the President of the Shanghai Football Association, who was passing through the Colony on the s.s. *Siam Maru*, and continues his voyage home to-day.

The dinner was to demonstrate the appreciation of the Hongkong Football Association of Mr. Grimshaw's efforts in entertaining the Hongkong Interport Football team when they were in Shanghai.

In addition to the guest of honour, there were also present at the dinner the fourteen Interport players, namely Messrs. G. Rodger, Wynne, Wheeler, Mitchell, J. Stewart, Bristowe, Charlesworth, Humblestone, Gosano, Butler, Macklesworth, Brittain, Howard and Hayes. There was also one representative from every Club affiliated to the H.K.F.A. present, as well as Mr. J. McCubbin and Mr. W. E. Hollands, who accompanied the Hongkong Interport team to Shanghai in the capacity of managers.

Mr. G. T. May, President of the H.K. Football Association, was in the chair, and during the evening, on behalf of the H.K. Interport team, he presented Mr. Grimshaw with a souvenir of the occasion, to mark the esteem of the local Association.

The gift to Mr. Grimshaw consisted of a small silver shield, bearing the names of all the members of the Hongkong Interport Football team and the names of those who accompanied them.

Mr. May, in proposing the health of Mr. Grimshaw, paid him a high tribute and referred to his keen interest in football, and also thanked him on behalf of the local Association for the interest he had taken in our local players while at Shanghai.

Mr. Grimshaw suitably replied, referring to the Interport match between Shanghai and Hongkong, and he complimented the Hongkong players on the good game they put up on that occasion, remarking that the match was most keenly contested, enthusiastically and cleanly played and resulted in a very close victory.

Other toasts drunk included that of the H.K.F.A. and the Interport team.

POSSESSION OF BOMBS.

FURTHER REMAND AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

At the Central Magistracy a week ago, an unemployed Chinese fitter and two Chinese women were remanded on a charge of possessing two bombs.

Defendants again appeared, before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Detective Inspector T. Murphy, who is in charge of the case, applied for a further remand of one week. He said that there were further developments in regard to the case, and that those were not divulged, and evidence was taken. Defendants were remanded.

WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI MAN MISSING.

A TRAGEDY ON THE RIVER.

SAMPAH MAN'S STORY.

Grave anxiety has been felt since Saturday, says the *N.C. Daily News* of Tuesday with reference to Mr. W. L. Fernie, who has not been seen since noon on the day in question. This anxiety is heightened by the fact of a sampan man who plies his boat from the Westmore Road Jetty bringing to the River Police the story of a foreigner having engaged his services to take him to some point just below the Customs "Ed" in the middle of the river, and after placing 60 cents on the seat of the sampan having gone overboard.

The position with regard to Mr. Fernie is causing the utmost apprehension to his friends. After having been in the service of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire for about 15 years, he left this firm at the beginning of the present year and joined the Stock Exchange, becoming a partner in the firm of Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co. on Mr. Anderson's retirement. A few days ago it was announced that he had retired from the firm; and it was generally understood that he had come to the conclusion that stockbroking was not his métier, and it was learned that he was to rejoin Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. The fact that he has not been seen since Saturday, coupled with the sampan man's story, has naturally led to the gravest fears.

ROBBERY AT THE UNIVERSITY.

STUDENT'S ROOM ENTERED.

A student residing in Elliott Hall, at the Hongkong University, has reported to the police that sometime between the 9th and 10th inst. some person entered his room and stole a Remington typewriter valued at \$100, and \$50 in money.

THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH.

OBSERVANCES IN HONGKONG.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Yesterday, March 12th, being the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first Provisional President of the Republic of China, all Hongkong and Chinese newspapers observed it with special editions or by special references, and by suspending publication for a day, which means that there will be no Chinese newspapers this morning, the 13th. Many Chinese schools in Hongkong also closed for the day, some holding memorial services.

The Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. Day School, in honour of the late Chinese patriot and leader, yesterday morning invited as their principal speaker at the memorial service Mr. Hia Wong, a former director of publicity of the Military Government in Canton when the late Dr. Sun first established himself at that city but an opponent to Dr. Sun's later political policy and doctrines.

Mr. Wong recalled that more than 40 years ago, the man who later became the Father of the Chinese Republic was also a student in one of the Hongkong schools, and said that there was no reason why he might not be addressing one of the future Presidents of the Republic at the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. School. After eulogising for his honesty, energy, unselfishness, and patriotism, the late Chinese leader, Mr. Wong quoted the last will of the late Dr. Sun, calling upon all his fellow country to work with all their might to complete the Revolution he had started and to believe in his three people's doctrines. Mr. Wong, however, said the simplest three people's doctrines, to him, were that "I, you, and he; or we, you, and they constitute the peoples of this world, and that if I help you, you help him, and he helps me, and we all help one another, we shall be able to complete this world revolution—the changing of earth into Heaven, the Republic of China into the Kingdom of God."

OBSERVANCES IN CANTON.

The Executive Committee of the Kuomintang have for some time past been organising what is described as "a nation-wide observance" of the anniversary. In Canton the observances are to extend over a period of six days. "Yesterday there was a memorial service on the East Parade Ground and by order of the Nationalist Government flags on all official buildings were half-masted and a three minutes silence was required to be observed by the people, the signal being given by a gun on the Hill of the Goddess of Mercy.

A feature of the meetings is the reading of Dr. Sun's last will and testament and the acclamation of a string of watchwords which are set out by the Central Executive of the Kuomintang as follows:

- (a) Forget not our late President.
- (b) Continue our late President's revolutionary work.
- (c) Support the All-China 2nd Kuomintang Congress.
- (d) Support the Kuomintang.
- (e) Support the Nationalist Government.
- (f) Down with the Counter-Revolutionists.
- (g) Down with Militarism.
- (h) Down with Imperialism.
- (i) Realise our late President's Last Will.
- (j) Long live the Kuomintang of China.
- (k) Long live the success of China's National Revolution.

EXCHANGE AND CANTON.

Seldom has anything proved more satisfactory in gauging the trend of international relations than exchange, for the movements of currencies have in most cases been found to represent the prevailing sentiment of the politicians as interpreted by the bankers and financiers. Noting this, says the *N.C. Daily News* of March 8th, it is of the first importance to draw attention to a improvement in the Hongkong dollar yesterday, one that may be described as of unusual interest, for in a day it has risen in relation to Shanghai currency to the extent of about five-eighths. At the same time, however, telegrams from Canton reaching business houses here in the afternoon suggested no change in the situation, and so most people have been at a loss to account for the rise in the commercial barometer. We cannot dare to interpret it, where others more experienced in finance offer no solution, but we may hope for the best. There have been conversations proceeding between Canton and Hongkong, and the recent action of the Commissioner of Customs certainly had a salutary effect on at least one aspect of the work of the strike pickets. Perhaps it may not be too much to hope that the sound commercial elements in the southern port have at last found ways and means to overcome the money-making pickets and to induce the Canton Government to take a more liberal view of its duties than has hitherto been the case.

THE UNEASY SITUATION AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Chiang Kai Shek has not left Canton as has been stated in some quarters, but future developments may necessitate his doing so. The Right Wing, or anti-Bolshevik Section, of the Kuomintang, is doing everything possible to curb him, including the promotion of mutiny and sedition among Chiang's command.

So far, the sudden departure of Captain Aw Yang Lin, acting Director of the Navy; the resignation of Comrade Semionoff as Director of the Navy; and the order from Moscow to remove the Communists. Headquarters from Canton elsewhere have been recorded. Whether or not all these will lessen the opposition against General Chiang and the Chinese Bolsheviks in Kwangtung remains to be seen.

The Right Wing, or anti-Reds, are hoping for the return of Mr. Hu Han Min, whom General Chiang and others sent to Moscow as "High Commissioner" some time ago; and the return of Mr. Hu will naturally mean the departure of General Chiang.

What is worrying the Left Wing or Bolsheviks in Canton is the slow issue by General Li Tsai Sun of the 4th Army of a statement repudiating the circular denouncing General Chiang Kai Shek supposed to have been published by officers of the 4th Army Corps.

PICKETS STOPPING THE EXODUS TO HONGKONG.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The exodus from Canton during the last few days, including families of leading officials and army officers, who deem it wise to make for safety, is being stopped by the strike pickets enforcing the "anti-imperialist" boycott, apparently under instruction from the Kuomintang headquarters. The picketing of routes by which several thousand men and women have gone to Hongkong and Macao in the last few days, has been strengthened by 150 pickets who, following similar orders effective in Canton, are "only" allowing departures in exceptional cases.

CANTON WORKERS' DEMANDS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Strike Committee in Canton has succeeded in causing dissatisfaction among the workers of the Canton Hospital and Canton Christian College, two of the larger Christian institutions still headed by American missionaries. The workers of these institutions on March 8th presented demands for an increase of wages, ranging from 30 to 60 per cent, in addition to the usual requests for better service conditions and the like, including pay for holiday observations. It is understood that there will be no difficulty with the question of better conditions, and only the increase in wages just now may present a difficulty which the managements cannot readily overcome.

MILITARY SITUATION IN CHINA.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

By those acquainted with local politico-military developments in South China, the military fortunes of the contending factions in North and Central China will much affect the Canton situation. The report of the fall of Tapan, or Military Governor of Hunan, Chao Heng Ti, at Changsha, while outwardly favourable to the Kuomintang, who are siding with the "Christian General," Feng Yu Hsiang, against Wu Pei Fu, whom Chao supports, may mean that the Hunan mercenary commander, General Tan Yen Kai, a former Military Governor of that province and now a corps commander and Minister of War in Canton, may lead his army back to Hunan and leave the present Canton regime without that measure of immediate support, should the Right or anti-Red factions take up war again against the Reds.

CANTON'S INTERFERENCE WITH THE MAELS.

ENERGETIC PROTEST BY FRENCH MINISTER.

The *Eastern News Agency* circulates a message from Peking dated March 6th saying:—
The French Minister, to-day addressed a Note to the Waichiaoou, in which, after calling the latter's attention to the fact that the Strike Committee in Canton recently detained mail matter and that Russian, assuming the guise of inspectors, examined postal matter, declared that such an incident not only created considerable inconvenience to foreigners as a whole, but proved detrimental to the control of the service. He requested the Waichiaoou to take steps immediately to put an end to the practice and to see that there be no recurrence of similar incidents in Canton.

MR. T. Z. KOO.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF A CHINESE ORATOR.

"By permission of the Lord Bishop of Victoria the pulpit of St. John's Cathedral will be occupied on Sunday morning by a Chinese layman, Mr. T. Z. Koo, who is now on a visit to Hongkong being engaged in work among students in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Koo has been speaking much in England and has always left the impression of being a great spiritual force. The Archbishop of Canterbury on hearing him compared him to the great Wesley. The subject of Mr. Koo's sermon will be 'A Chinese conception of Christ.'"

[CONTINUED.]

When Mr. Koo spoke at some student conference meeting in England he so impressed the representatives of the Times that a column of that newspaper was devoted to the report of his speech. When he was at Geneva, as a representative of China at the Opium Conference, the British delegates said that he was one of the outstanding personalities at the conference.

Mr. Koo is now in this Colony. Rather reluctantly one member of this local community was persuaded to go to a meeting at which Mr. Koo was to speak—reluctantly, because he had heard so many young Chinese speak in an unrestrained manner on various political, social and religious subjects. When young Chinese speak in the English language, they are usually fluent, but often they use language that is very highly coloured. They are too excited, too emotional for the matter-of-fact Englishman who has a fixed belief that this is by no means a perfect world, but a world that is based mostly on facts. It is not too much to say that the average Britisher in the Far East not only hides his own emotions but suspects any one who attempts to speak about the emotions and the deeper things of life. Poetry, or anything imaginative is out of place (he thinks) in this work-a-day world of life in the Far East.

THE PROPHECY.

Perhaps the most noticeable features of Mr. Koo's oratory are the restraint and the wonderful choice of words. His delivery is almost perfect; considering that when he is speaking in English he is using an entirely different language to that of his parents and of his boyhood it is, indeed, practically a perfect delivery. It cannot irritate the most fastidious critic. Many foreigners, especially Asiatics, somehow or other, do jar a non-sympathetic listener.

The writer was most certainly not in a sympathetic mood when Mr. Koo commenced to address his audience in Hongkong. In common fairness it must be stated that he "fell" to the spellbinding effects of Mr. Koo's oratory. This is one who will be numbered amongst China's prophets.

A LITTLE SLOW.

We English pride ourselves on our adaptability, and that characteristic has something to do with our success in the practical affairs of life. We have, for all that our remorseless critics may say, a fundamental sense of justice and fair play. We do try to see the other fellow's point of view. After listening to Mr. Koo it seemed to me that, despite my many years of residence in the Far East and my travels up and down the China coast, I had never really realised the difficulties of Young China. It is, in itself, a proof of Mr. Koo's powers as an orator, that he made one feel that one was behind the times.

THE TREMENDOUS PROBLEM.

Mr. Koo is too wise to say things that are best left unsaid. He gives the impression that he realises not only the difficulties but the delicacy of the situation that has arisen in the Far East. He explains how it has arisen. The new forces seem to be breaking up old China, and that is what ninety-nine people in a hundred wish to prevent. Mr. Koo did not offer any evangelical remedies. There is nothing of the fiery fervour of a zealot like Gypsy Smith or General Booth about his style. He does not rant, and he does not rave. He has a slight touch of the theatrical about the play of his hands and the movement of his features, but it is not a bit more theatrical than the similar mannerisms of Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Lloyd George. Indeed he is really more reposeful than either of those famous speakers. He is as silver-tongued as Lord Roseberry at the height of his fame.

When I heard Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill for the first time I realised, from the general appearance of each of them, that there was power, personality, something that convinces one that the man was above the average man. Now Mr. Koo failed to do that. Yet after he had been speaking for two minutes he made us "sit up and listen." He made us realise that we are in the midst of a great drama, the issues of which no man living can foresee. Most important of all he made us realise that, whatever may be our personal prejudices, our old convictions, we must listen to reason.

Mr. Koo tells us of the many questions that the Chinese students ask themselves. He hints how the literature of Europe and America has set the minds of the student class ablaze. He makes us smile when he speaks of their demands to manage the colleges and to dominate their teachers. In the end he convinces us that we cannot ignore the student class of China. What they need is a great leader, like Jowett, "the Master," who was a moulder of minds at Balliol. Will Mr. Koo become the real friend, philosopher and guide to this growing student class in China? He will most certainly be a great influence amongst them. Let us be grateful for the fact that his influence is on the side of law and order; that he opposes gambling, militarism and cruelty in any shape or form.

Good luck to you Mr. Koo; you have a great task but a wonderful opportunity. No wonder that the representatives of the old English "Thunderer" thought that you were worth a column. Walk warily; keep away from the intrigues of the politicians; keep away from splitting straws about dogma; keep always before you the splendid ideal of peace and good will and you will earn the gratitude of millions including many of the Anglo-Saxon race.

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

A university is the best agency towards international co-operation, because here future rulers of the world are taught, according to Mr. T. Z. Koo, a secretary of the World Students' Federation and a Chinese Delegate of the Opium Conference of the League of Nations, who addressed a large audience at the Hongkong University yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the University Christian Association. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., presided, and was supported by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., Q.B.E., and Mr. C. H. Lim, president of the University Christian Association, who welcomed Mr. Koo to Hongkong on behalf of the local students.

Mr. Koo, who has visited many colleges and universities in Asia, Europe, America, and several islands on the Pacific during a period of some 16 months, including four months in India, since 1923, gave some of his observations and experiences connected with tour. Mr. Koo said that the forces preventing international co-operation in all parts of the world to-day were political fears, economic competition, cultural backgrounds, racial prejudice, and religious differences. He illustrated these by noting that many countries in Europe were afraid of a possible "Red" invasion; that certain peoples were still trying to keep some of the special privileges they had previously exacted of other peoples, while those having lost, were trying to recover them; that many having different cultural backgrounds were unwilling to associate with others; and that many religious controversies were still going on.

As steps towards international co-operation, Mr. Koo believed that there should be an international-mindedness as well as a machinery for co-operation. One should have a mind to respect another, to understand others, and both sides of a question, as well as one's own. One should look at another more as an individual instead of a type. Mr. Koo presented his theme most vividly by giving his experiences and observations. The speaker was his Chinese gowns in Europe while travelling as he used to do in China. One day he was taken to be a lady, while at another time he was mistaken to be an Oriental Prince. Sometimes this "Oriental Prince" could not get an American to shine his shoes, as the latter would not do such a thing for an Oriental. At a time while the once "Prince" was riding on a train in America, he was asked if he were going to Black Mountain, a summer resort, as a laundry-man. He pointed these things out to show how some persons have looked at or seen him and how unpleasant it was sometimes to be treated as a type rather than an individual.

Mr. Koo said fundamentally every person had love and affection, but the ways of expressing it might be different. He told how Chinese children sometimes would remain silent and respectful in the presence of their parents and how some European boys and girls would hug around their fathers and mothers with plenty of kisses. They were all loving their parents, he said, some expressing it with silent respect, while others with shouting and joy.

THE BANK LOAN CASE.

WITNESS STATES THREAT TO SELL SHARES JUSTIFIED.

CASE CONTINUED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The case in which Messrs. Moxon & Taylor are suing the Man Chuen Bank for the recovery of \$37,600 alleged to have been lent to the bank through Messrs. G. P. & H. A. Lammert, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master), appeared for Messrs. Moxon & Taylor, and the defendant bank was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lee & Russ).

Mr. Jenkin continued his cross-examination of Mr. H. A. Lammert.

Asked as to whether he desired to add anything to his evidence the day before with reference to a transacting document, which showed that on the contract his firm would lose, witness reiterated that he could only think that it was a clerical error.

Mr. Jenkin: Messrs. Moxon & Taylor would be entitled to receive from you at any time the names of your clients?—Yes, from the Stock Exchange.

Do you suggest that the transaction was one which was covered by Stock Exchange rules?—I do.

And that the rules and by-laws of the Stock Exchange apply to it?—Yes.

Do you say that the by-laws endorsed at the back of the contract applies to the loan?—It is my opinion.

These by-laws also apply to the contract between you and Moxon & Taylor?—Yes.

Then the letter of September 7th, 1925, from Moxon & Taylor demanding margins was fully justified?—Yes.

Yesterday you told me that it was not so?—It agrees with clause 3 of the by-laws.

It was such a letter then as you would expect to receive from Moxon & Taylor?—Yes.

Have you always held that view, Mr. Lammert?—Yes.

Did you hold it yesterday afternoon?—Yes.

MISAPPREHENSION.

Did you not tell me yesterday that if this was a loan, then Messrs. Moxon & Taylor had no warrant for writing you such a letter? In fact Mr. Nissim said the same thing—I have must misunderstood you.

Then the opinion you now express is the opinion that you hold?—Yes.

That change of opinion is entirely due to misapprehension of my questions yesterday?—Yes, in fact I think I was rather rude to you yesterday, Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. Jenkin: I did not notice it.

His Lordship: Neither did I. If it had been so I would have certainly checked you, Mr. Lammert.

Mr. Jenkin (to Witness): You claim that Moxon & Taylor were justified in saying on September 7th that if \$37,000 margin was not paid they could sell the shares although they were a pure loan?—Yes.

And that you, in a like manner, could call on the Man Chuen Bank to pay margin, although it was a pure loan?—Yes.

Messrs. Moxon & Taylor would be entitled to know the name of the borrower from you at any time?—They could only demand the name through the Stock Exchange.

Replying to further questions, witness said that he had been on the Stock Exchange for 4 years. That kind of transaction was a very usual one, but he was unable to say whether the plaintiffs could demand the name of the borrower from him directly.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you hold no views on the matter?—I have an idea that they have no right, but they can get it through the Stock Exchange.

Even in a mere loan in which you act as agent?—Yes.

If it was a loan, can you give any reason why there need be any hesitation in giving the names of the borrowers?—It is bad business to divulge the names of one's clients directly they are asked for. They were not only borrowers in this case, they were also our client.

Replying to further question, witness said that the cheque which he received from Moxon & Taylor was on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the cheque he gave to the Man Chuen Bank was on the Chartered Bank. He had not endorsed it because it was a matter of book-keeping, and he had traced it on the firm's books on June 6th excepting a note in a "rough" book, entered by the clerk. He had not handed over the same cheque because he had made a record of it.

AN AFFIDAVIT CITED.

Mr. Jenkin: You had numerous interviews with Mr. Ross, the special manager of your estate, in connection with this and several other matters?—Yes.

Do you know that Mr. Ross filed an affidavit in this action?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: I read extracts from the affidavit, one of which was to the effect that Messrs. Lammert were the agents of Moxon & Taylor.

Mr. Jenkin (to witness): You never told Mr. Ross that you were agents for the Man Chuen Bank?—I don't remember.

You can't say whether you ever told Mr. Ross that you were agents for the Man Chuen Bank?—I cannot say.

Did you ever tell him that you were agents for Messrs. Moxon & Taylor?—I don't know.

Do you mean to say that you left it to Mr. Ross to gather what he could?—I thought that Mr. Ross knew all along that we had to get the money back for Moxon & Taylor.

Further pressed, witness agreed that he had told Mr. Ross of it sometime or other, but he could not remember the date.

I put it to you that you never told him that you were acting as agents for the Man Chuen Bank?—He knew we were the brokers in the case, and I left it to his common sense.

But you give him no inkling that you were acting for the Man Chuen Bank?—That is not a fair question, Mr. Jenkin. His Lordship: It is perfectly fair, Mr. Lammert.—Well, I cannot remember.

MR. ROSS'S POSITION.

In response to further questions put by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that he collected the meeting held in the Official Receiver's Office, on October 6th, when Mr. Ross, the special manager, was present. He had filed his petition, and had told Mr. Ross that the Man Chuen Bank had borrowed a certain sum of money through him from Messrs. Moxon & Taylor.

Mr. Jenkin: If this money was paid on October 6th where do you suggest that it would have gone?—I cannot say. What if it had been paid in November as agreed upon?—It was out of our hands then.

Would it have gone into your estate for paying creditors of Moxon & Taylor?—I cannot say.

The reason for this meeting was for the collection of outstanding debts owed to your estate?—I know that Messrs. Moxon & Taylor had approached Mr. Ross to push the matter of the money owed by the Man Chuen Bank.

He was using his official position as special manager to collect monies which were to go immediately to Messrs. Moxon & Taylor?—I don't know.

I put it to you, Mr. Lammert, that the real reason why you did not inform Mr. Ross was because the transaction was between you and Moxon & Taylor?—I had told him the facts.

I say you did not.—Then I am lying, Mr. Jenkin?

Mr. Jenkin: It appears so, or else your recollection is at fault on that point.

Witness agreed that he had on one occasion gone with Mr. Ross to see the Manager of the Man Chuen Bank for the purpose of collecting the money. He had no idea where the money would have gone when it was collected. He did not know that Mr. Ross had written a letter demanding the money, nor did he know the Bank's solicitors had called on Mr. Ross.

Mr. Jenkin: All that trouble was taken and not a cent was to go into the estate. It was all going to Moxon & Taylor?—Naturally we tried to recover people's money for them.

And this gentleman was paid out of the estate for the work?—I don't know. Up to November 6th you never gave Mr. Ross the slightest hint that you were the agent of the Man Chuen Bank, nor that the money would not be paid into your estate?—I think you are wrong, Mr. Jenkin.

As a result of a letter sent to the Bank, Mr. Ross was called upon?—I don't know.

The Bank took up the attitude with Mr. Ross that your firm owed them money?—I believe Mr. Ross did tell me that.

He did not know until sometime between November 6th and 8th anything about the suggestion that you were the Bank's agents?—Perhaps he took legal advice on the matter.

Do you pledge your word, Mr. Lammert, that although on October 6th, the Bank were being asked to sign an acknowledgment that they owed a certain sum to your firm, that no reference was made to the fact that you owed them money?—It was not referred to.

The sole object of the interview was to have repayment made to your firm?—Yes.

One of the objects of the meeting was to identify the bank with the loan?—No.

In your transaction with Mr. Tsang he signed his name?—Yes, with the exception of the 200 shares which were in the name of the Bank.

Questioned as to the money which he borrowed from the Bank, witness said that he borrowed it in January. He had then a number of China Sugars, standing at \$80. On June 6th they stood at \$58. He agreed that if he sold them he would have lost \$4,500. He also then he would have lost the loan on June 6th, since some of the dealings between him and the Bank were in shares, he would have lost \$2,400. He also had other shares but they had depreciated by \$7,000. He disagreed that this factor was in his mind on June 6th and denied that he had not repaid the Bank owing to this.

This closed the cross-examination, and after Mr. Potter had re-examined witness briefly, the case was adjourned until Monday.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1926. [3301]

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3228]

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SURWAY, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 19th To the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1926. [3296]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1926. [3275]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. 3461 of 2 Shares, £4 Per Share Paid Up, Numbered 48751/48775 in this Society standing in the Joint Names of HARRY CLABURN PEARCE and JOHN HERMANN TEESDALE, both of Shanghai, Has Been Declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and a NEW Certificate for the 25 Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3233]

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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Dated the 10th day of March, 1926. [3297]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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BIRTH.

CAMPBELL—At Shanghai, on March 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. COLIN CAMPBELL, a daughter.

DEATHS.

REDFERN—At Tongshan, on February 20th, GWYNETH MARGARET, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. REDFERN, Tongshan Methodist College, Tongshan, late of Ningpo.

GROTT—At Shanghai, on March 6th, CECIL, second son of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE GROTT.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 13TH, 1926.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

So much is made in the world's Press of the difficulties and disagreements which beset the League of Nations that the average reader is apt to acquire a very inadequate idea of the great practical achievements of the League. There has just come into our hands the "Monthly Summary" of the League of Nations for December, 1925, published by the Information Section of the League.

Besides the record of the proceedings of the League Council and the various organisations of the League for that particular month, there is a lengthy introductory note which reviews the achievements of the League during the whole of the year 1925. Viewed in the light of recent events, the year 1925, it says, stands out as a period of marked progress for the League of Nations—progress towards universality, and, particularly in its work on arbitration and security. Although the Locarno agreements were not negotiated at Geneva they can nevertheless be considered as an endorsement and outgrowth of the patient endeavours of the League Assembly.

Moreover, those agreements were formally deposited in the archives of the League by Sir AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN who in doing so said that in placing those documents under the guardianship of the League and attributing to the League all the authority which is therein specified the nations concerned had made a contribution towards

the support and increase of the League's authority and strength. M. BRIAND said on the occasion: "France sees in the overgrowing authority of the League of Nations and in the enlightened and vigilant action of its Council the best guarantee against war," while M. SALOMI, the Acting President remarked: "The world must realise that the difficult work which the League has undertaken since its establishment in seeking for legal instruments of peace and a new international law, and which sometimes seemed hopeless and on the point of failure, has had almost unexpected results which we are not perhaps yet able fully to measure."

While the Locarno agreements will be recognised as the outstanding achievement of the League in 1925, there are at least two other striking achievements which the Locarno agreements rather overshadow in a retrospect. We have in mind the peaceful settlement of the Iraq frontier dispute and the settlement of the Greco-Bulgarian frontier incident. But for the existence of the League of Nations and the growing recognition of its authority, either of those incidents might have set Eastern Europe ablaze again.

Apart from these matters which have commanded a considerable amount of attention in the Press, the League has accomplished a great amount of work which does not receive great prominence in the daily newspapers, since it does not contain any elements of sensation that call for glaring headlines, but is nevertheless work of inestimable value. There is, for example, the work of the Permanent Court of International Justice which held four sessions during the year, three of them extraordinary; there were several conferences, three of them leading to international conventions; there were constant meetings of the Technical organisations and various League Committees, giving ample evidence of the League's activity in the following fields: development of international law, settlement of political conflicts, application of Article XXIII of the Covenant as regards the traffic in arms; settlement of minority questions, and improvement of the procedure followed by the Council in such matters. The Technical Organisations—the Economic and Financial Organisations, the Organisation for Communications and Transit and the Health Organisation—and the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation displayed constant activity in their different spheres. In the Humanitarian field may be noted the conclusion of two international conventions on the traffic in opium; the constitution of a Child Welfare Committee, and the drafting of a convention for the suppression of slavery and of a scheme for an international union of relief in disaster. By means of monthly bulletins issued by the League all who are interested may keep themselves fully informed on the progress made in either or all of the League's activities, and no one can read these reports without recognising the immense service the League is rendering to the world whose peace and happiness it is constantly seeking to promote and ensure. The League of Nations has come to stay and we can have no doubt that its influence and authority will grow and extend with the years.

Admiral and Mrs. W. N. C. Bullard are returning from Manila to the United States on the *President Wilson*, now in port.

Home mail (letters only, London, February 11th) via Negapatam, arrived late yesterday afternoon by the a.s. *Rosandra*.

A houseboy in the employ of Mr. Pinguet of 10, Chatham Road, died suddenly on Thursday from internal hemorrhage.

A Chinese woman who jumped into the Bowring Canal on Thursday was rescued by a number of boatpeople. She was sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Hongkong University Calendar for 1926, of which we have just received a copy makes a little book of nearly 200 pages and contains full information of the Faculties, courses of study and degrees.

"Theosophy and Science" (the Vienna Congress lecture of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Vice-President of the World Theosophical Society) was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. H. W. Lazear at this week's meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

A Chinese woman was injured by a bamboo pole falling from the roof of a house in Po Tak Street on Thursday, and was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese boy was knocked down by a public ricksha in Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Thursday, and sustained such injuries that he had to be sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

"The Little Mimmers" (Kowloon Children's Dramatic Society) gave another performance of "Cinderella" in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night.

Sub-Lieut. R. R. Buckley has been appointed to H.M.S. *Despatch*, Sub-Lieut. E. S. D. Fremantle to H.M.S. *Hollyhock*, Sub-Lieut. E. J. S. James to H.M.S. *Faughan*, Sub-Lieut. F. E. J. Gilman to H.M.S. *Gant*.

Among the passengers leaving Hongkong to-day by the P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* is Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Administrative Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps), who is going to England on leave.

For plucking a flowering azalea shrub growing in Garden Road, in the vicinity of the Helena May Institute, a Chinese coolie was fined \$25 at the Central Magistrate yesterday with the alternative of fourteen days' imprisonment.

The Chinese who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy on Thursday, with being concerned in an armed robbery and kidnapping at Lung Ku Tan village, Ping Shan district, was committed for trial by Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday.

The statement of accounts of the Hongkong Automobile Association for the year ended December 31st last shows that the year started with a balance of \$3,553.55 and ended with \$3,021.58, of which \$7,000 is on fixed deposit.

To-morrow evening the Rev. R. O. Hall, M.A., who arrived in the Colony this week with Mr. T. Z. Koo, preaches at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and during next week the two visitors will continue their work in the University and schools of the Colony.

First Aid was rendered by two members of the Yau-mat Division of the St. John Ambulance Association to a small boy who sustained injuries to his hand, after having been knocked down by a motor cycle, at the junction of Temple Street, and Public Square Street, on Tuesday evening last. The case was taken subsequently to the Kwong Wah Hospital for further treatment.

Government land at Dairien in the years 1918 and 1919 was sold on contracts which spread the payment over a period of ten years. Five hundred and seventy people bought land under this instalment plan. Of this number 170 have completed the payments, and of the remainder about 300 have been irregular in their payments and the total arrears now reach Yen 105,700. The authorities are taking measures to recover the arrears and to ensure completion of the contracts under penalty of confiscation.

Mr. Remedios, of 37, Granville Road, Kowloon, reported to the police yesterday that while playing tennis in his garden on Thursday afternoon he drove a tennis ball over into the garden of the adjoining house, tenanted by a Mr. Botello. He sent his Chinese boy to retrieve the ball, and while the boy was doing so he was badly bitten by a dog, owned by Mr. Botello, which was in the garden. The dog was taken to the Water Police Station for removal to Kennedy Town, for observation.

As they were about to embark on the Hui-hung and Shaikwan ferry yesterday, two Chinese, apparently seamen, were arrested as possessors of arms and ammunition. One of the men had two small automatics, and the other a box containing 100 rounds of ammunition which would fit the weapons. The boxes in which the weapons and ammunition were being carried, were concealed in packages, containing soap and clothing. Both men will appear at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Mr. J. G. Thompson, of the Hongkong Telephone Co., reported to the Water Police yesterday evening that some one had broken into the public telephone call-box at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, and stole the box in which ten pieces had to be dropped. There was no idea, of course, how much was in the box when it was taken. The money-box was intact at 4.30 p.m., yesterday, as a telephone call was put through at that time, but when a European entered the call-box shortly after 4.30, he found the box had been removed.

Divisional-Inspector T. Cashman, who leaves the Colony to-day on the P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* for Home on retirement, after completing 28 years' service in the Hongkong Police Force, was last evening, at the Kowloon Water Police Station, presented with farewell gifts from members of the Water Police and friends. The gifts consisted of an electro-plated spirit kettle, a cake-dish and a case of silver tea-spoons, in addition to which he was also given a "cigar" and a packet of "spartan". The presentation was made on behalf of the Water Police by Inspector Spear.

Some excitement was caused in Pedder Street yesterday afternoon, by the blowing of police whistles. It appears that the hue and cry was caused by a small boy, who is stated to have snatched a tin containing a few coins, belonging to a woman selling newspapers in Pedder Street. The youthful miscreant ran as fast as he could down the hill, but was caught by police officers at the bottom. In the meanwhile, seeing he was being overtaken, he had thrown the inordinately big box and money away. He will, however, appear at the Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

NAVAL ESTIMATES.

NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COMING YEAR.

RUGBY, March 11th.

Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, made a statement in the House of Commons on the Naval Estimates for the coming year, which amounted to £88,100,000.

He pointed out that in July of last year the House gave its approval to a building programme extending over a considerable number of years, which had made it very much easier to effect economies. He pointed out that the estimates showed a net reduction of £2,100,000 as compared with the year 1925-6, as a result of the economies made. He would not attempt to deny that the Admiralty had been able to make a saving of £2,100,000, which he thought they certainly would not have taken in a time of danger or at a time when the country was more affluent. The risks taken, however, had been in those items which would, he thought, be replaced if there was any danger in the future.

Three reserve cruisers and eighteen of the older type of destroyers have been placed on the disposal list and provision is made for a further fifteen destroyers to be scrapped. The new construction provided for in the coming year is two cruisers of 10,000 tons, one cruiser of 4,000 tons, six "Oversea" submarines of about 1,500 tons, two depot ships, and four torpedo launchers.

Mr. Bridgeman said that owing to the geographical position of this country the insular position of this country the Admiralty had made its first object to proceed particularly with the construction of cruisers for the protection of our trade. At present, there was no other service that could do it. Though great progress had undoubtedly been made in the air with various forms of aircraft, we were still very far from the time when the defence of our food and raw materials could be entrusted merely to an air service. It was an absolute certainty that if we had no naval defence any country that had even a small naval force could deliver a series of staggering blows to our trade on which the life of this country depended.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DOMINIONS' CONTRIBUTIONS.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Bridgeman pointed out that no reduction had been made in the sum provided for research. As regards Singapore, the position was similar to last year, and, as the floating dock approached completion, the Government would decide on the extent and rate of progress of the further scheme for a graving dock, after it had had an opportunity to consult the representatives of the Dominions at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

He enumerated the overseas contributions, saying that India would continue to contribute £100,000 towards the expense of ships in Indian waters.

The Australian naval estimates were £2,421,000 in addition to providing £1,500,000 towards the construction of two new cruisers and two submarines. The New Zealand navy estimates were £500,000; Canada, £250,000; South Africa, £140,000; and he added that while we were grateful to those generously contributing, we would be most glad if in some direction they could be increased.

THE CHINA STATION.

In the course of his statement Mr. Bridgeman said that during last year the presence of His Majesty's ships on the China Station had done something to add to the feeling of security of British subjects there.

Com. C. D. Burney, interposed, "Are you going to send out any more?" Mr. Bridgeman did not reply, but disclosed that H.M.S. "Indefatigable," which had gone to China, was the first British cruiser to carry catapult-launched aeroplanes.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

Mr. Bridgeman said that the cost of work at Singapore in 1925 would be £225,000 of which only £95,000 would fall on Britain, the remainder being found out of what was left of Hongkong's most generous contribution last year.

ADMIRALTY'S SHORT SERVICE SCHEME.

LATER.

The Admiralty has decided to reintroduce short service for seamen in the navy, recruiting to begin on April 1st. The period of service will be seven years with the fleet and five years on reserve.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ANOTHER NEW CRUISER.

RUGBY, March 11th.

The new cruiser H.M.S. "Cornwall," was launched today at Devonport. It is the second of five cruisers authorised by the Labour Government in 1924, to replace existing cruisers. The first, the "Suffolk," was launched a month ago.

HOME ECONOMIES.

RUGBY, March 11th.

The Civil Service estimates for 1926-7 are issued to-day and show a reduction of £12,300,000 as compared with the current year.

At the same time, the text of the proposed Economy Bill to be introduced by Mr. Churchill is published. The Bill is designed to save between eight and ten millions sterling by economies in connection with various statutory expenditures.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRALIA'S POSITION.

LONDON, March 11th.

During the debate on the Navy Estimates, Mr. Ammon asked for information with regard to the Indian Navy and fortifications in India. He declared that the Government's Singapore policy was calculated to lead to war in the Far East and to arouse the suspicions of Japan and China. Commander Bellairs urged that the question of future defence should be submitted to the Imperial Conference. He declared that Australia and New Zealand might as well throw the money they spent on defence into the sea if they could not be assured of the support of a great British fleet. In the event of war with Japan, their ships would simply be the prey of the Japanese Navy without the British fleet, and if they could not rely on the support of the British Navy, their eyes would turn towards America.

LABOUR AMENDMENTS FAIL.

The House of Commons agreed to the Navy Estimates, after a motion by the Labour Member, Mr. E. Scrymgeour, declaring that all expenditure in preparation for war was wasteful and futile, and calling on the Government to bring about a policy of disarmament through the League of Nations, which was defeated by 193 votes to 113.

The House also rejected, by 195 votes to 19, an unofficial Labour amendment by Mr. George Lansbury to reduce the naval force by 100,000 men. He argued that the navy waged wars on behalf of capitalism. Prominent Labourite opponents of the amendment were the ex-ministers, Sir H. Slesser and Mr. Jack Jones.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ANGLO-FRENCH DEBT.

NEGOTIATIONS TO BE RESUMED SOON.

RUGBY, March 11th.

Mr. Winston Churchill the Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a statement in the House of Commons regarding the French Debt, in reply to a question by Mr. Philip Snowden, late Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He said that, as the House was aware, a new French Government had now been formed in which Monsieur Raoul Peret had been appointed Minister of Finance. He was taking steps to resume, as soon as possible the negotiations which had been so many times interrupted. The British Government regarded the agreement made in August as binding on both parties and he did not propose to withdraw his offer then made. He took this opportunity of pointing out that the interest accruing on the French Debt to this country amounted to £20,000,000 per annum and that this sum was provided by the issue to us, as it arose, of additional French Treasury Bills which augmented continually the total of the debt. The situation, therefore, was one of serious and increasing difficulties, and it was indispensable that the various outstanding points should be adjusted and an agreement fully completed within a reasonable time.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

FRANCE'S DEBT TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 11th.

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[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

COAL COMMISSION.

MINEOWNERS AND MINERS' LEADERS MEET PREMIER.

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TRADE UNION BILL.

FASCIST GOVERNMENT'S "MOST REVOLUTIONARY MEASURE."

Rome, March 13th.

The Senate has approved by 138 to 30 votes the Fascist Trade Union Bill, providing compulsory arbitration in labour disputes.

Signor Mussolini described the measure as the most revolutionary yet produced by the Fascist Government.

"LUXURY STRIKES."

Signor Mussolini in a speech in the Senate on the subject of the Fascist Trade Union Bill emphasised the disciplinary character of the measure pointing out that Fascist Syndicalism now comprised 2,000,000 agricultural and industrial workers, a formidable and obedient force completely controlled by Fascism and the Government, and fully appreciating the value of the function of capitalism as a necessity for co-operation. The Fascist conception was that that all must be within, and none outside. The State was above all and nobody must be against the State. The struggle of life was such now-a-days that no nation could indulge in luxury strikes.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S CONCILIATORY EFFORTS.

GENEVA, March 11th.

No progress towards the settlement of the problem of the enlargement of the Council was made at today's informal meeting of the Council and the situation is still grave. The obstacles at present appear to be insurmountable but Sir Austen Chamberlain, however, is persisting in his conciliatory efforts. The matter will be further considered at a meeting of the Locarno signatories to-morrow, after which another meeting of the Council will be held.

DISASTER THREATENING THE LEAGUE.

At midnight, Sir Austen Chamberlain received British journalists and declared that there was no shadow of foundation for the report that he had been pressing for the resignation of the Swedish delegate, who has been strenuously opposing the election of any new member to the Council except Germany, to change his attitude. Sir Austen said his one aim was to avoid the disaster threatening the League and Europe.

Reuter learns that yesterday's meeting of the Council caused the greatest anxiety. It is not believed that the entry of Germany is endangered, but it is feared that such entry will be made in circumstances frustrating conciliation.

DOMINIONS' REPRESENTATIVES.

The Dominions' representatives to the Assembly met Sir Austen Chamberlain at the Hotel Beaurivage at nine this morning, and conferred with him for an hour.

A meeting of the signatories of the Locarno Treaty followed.

DUTCH POLITICS.

NEW PREMIER AND GOVERNMENT'S AIMS.

THE HAGUE, March 11th.

Speaking in the Second Chamber, the new Premier, Jonkheer De Geer, emphasised that the new Cabinet was strictly extra-parliamentary and no member should be regarded as representing any political party. The Government aimed at economy, the reduction of taxation, vigorous co-operation internationally with a view to a general limitation of armaments, the establishment of a Ministry of National Defence by the fusion of the Ministries for War and Marine, a continuation of the policy of reducing the fighting services, including the reduction of the defence of the country to mobile forces, and increasing the country's prosperity by the conclusion of treaties of commerce and opening new markets abroad.

The Government would resign as soon as a parliamentary majority was formed and it would give an opportunity to decide the question whether the Legation should continue to be maintained at the Holy See.

IRISH POLITICS.

DE VALERA RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF SINN FEIN.

LONDON, March 11th.

Mr. Eamon De Valera has resigned the Presidency of Sinn Fein.

LATER.

De Valera's resignation followed the Republican parties rejecting his motion, favouring the entry of Republican members to the Dail if the oath of allegiance were dropped.

THE ELLISON CASE.

BRITISHER RELEASED ON KING'S PARDON.

ROME, March 11th.

Mr. Ellison the Englishman, who was sentenced for using offensive words about Signor Mussolini has been released on the King's pardon.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

BRITISH AIRMAN REACHES ATHENS.

ATHENS, March 11th.

Mr. Alan Cobham who is flying on his return journey from the Cape to London has arrived here.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"SCENE" IN THE DIET.

JAPANESE POLITICIANS' IN GENERAL BATTLE.

TOKYO, March 12th.

Late last night the session of the Diet was broken up by the wildest disorder, which developed into general fist-fighting between members of the Government and the Seikukai parties. Numerous persons suffered battered heads and noses but no-one was seriously injured.

The police were eventually called in to separate the combatants.

The "scene" was the outcome of a debate over charges and countercharges of political scandals. It has been intimated that the Diet may be prorogued.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?

It may reasonably be asked, says the *Naval and Military Record*, admitting that we require a first-class naval base in the Far East, what more suitable port could be chosen than Singapore? Probably a good many students of strategy would select Hongkong in preference to the Malayan island. Hongkong is the most spectacularly attractive to the imagination in visualizing the defence of Australia. But before we can correctly conceive a scheme of defence we must have some idea whence attack is likely to come. If Australia is ever to be attacked from Europe, defence will begin in European waters. Singapore certainly has a most commanding position outside the great trade route to the Far East. Its importance has long been clearly realized, inasmuch as it has long been a considerable British naval base. As a rendezvous for cruisers and torpedo craft it is practically adequate to all probable requirements as it now exists: so is Hongkong.

But the genesis of the present Singapore scheme lies in the conclusion that we need a great capital-ship base in the Far East, and the Washington Treaty precludes us from developing Hongkong. In the choice of an alternative to Hongkong no other place can equal the claims of Singapore. If we switch over the strategic viewpoint and visualize the defence of India instead of the defence of Australia, then Singapore becomes of Australia, then Singapore becomes preferable to Hongkong—assuming "attack" on India to come either from the East or West. The subject is one which can only be reduced to clear proportions by plain speaking. Japanese statesmen and Japanese naval men are under no illusion; they perfectly realize that Singapore implies a tacit responsibility to the growth of Japanese sea power. They find nothing menacing, nothing unfriendly in this fact. The granting to Japan of the "mandate" islands was a concession to her own naval needs. But Singapore is not the best because it is too far distant from Japan altogether. And this circumstance, taken in conjunction with the possibility that a decade hence we may not require any more capital ship bases at all, may well be influencing the Admiralty to reconsider the whole question of Singapore.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LONDON, March 11th.

In the Second Division of the English League Swansea drew with Wednesday two goals all.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

"BRITAIN'S VICTORY OVER" FRANCE.

PARIS, March 11th.

Playing in the international army triangular soccer tournament, the British army beat the French army by two goals to nil.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

AMERICAN TENNIS.

DIXIE CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY MISS RYAN.

NEW YORK, March 11th.

A message from Miami, Florida, says that Miss Ryan won the Dixie lawn tennis singles championship by defeating Miss Browne 6/3, 6/6.

SPANISH AVIATOR.

PRESENTS AEROPLANE TO ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

BUENOS AIRES, March 12th.

After an impressive ceremony, when the aviator Major Franco presented the aeroplane in which he crossed the Atlantic to the Argentine Government, he embarked on a cruiser for Spain. He received a tremendous ovation.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

LOWEST INTEREST SINCE THE WAR.

WASHINGTON, March 11th.

A Government bond issue of five hundred million dollars bearing interest at 3 1/2 per cent, offered at 101, maturing in thirty years, has been fully subscribed. This is the lowest interest rate proposed by the Treasury since before the war.

A CURIOUS PROBLEM OF NATIONALITY.

AMERICAN BORN WOMAN MARRIED IN CHILDHOOD AS BRITISH.

A SAD STORY.

In H. M. Police Court, at Shanghai last Monday, before Mr. G. W. King, Dorothea Brentnall, of Yuhang Road, was charged with obtaining goods by false pretences. Mr. E. T. Maitland prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

In opening the case, Mr. Maitland said that the defendant obtained a cheque-book from the International Bank on the pretext that she wished to open an account and that her money would arrive that afternoon. She was allowed to take the cheque-book, but no money ever was deposited. She is alleged to have given a worthless cheque for \$200 in payment of goods obtained.

Questioned as to her nationality, defendant said that as Magdalene Detlor, which was her real and original name, she was an American. Her mother married her under the name of Brentnall, but she did not know why. The only person who could give the reason was Mr. Frank White, who had known her from childhood. She had lived very little with her mother and did not know her mother and did not know her mother's name. She married a Mr. Mann and then lived with Mr. Brandt. The Magistrate—Did you not also marry a Mr. Waller in Hongkong? Defendant—I did not. The Magistrate—Then, if what you say is right, you may still be an American.

FIRST MARRIAGE ANNULLED.

Defendant said that she was married by her mother as a British subject, but she did not know why, because certainly she was an American. That marriage was annulled.

The Magistrate—How was it annulled—I don't know. I was only a child then. I think Mann went home and there was something done about my mother committing perjury.

You have got some children here—Yes: two. Their name is Brandt. Do the American authorities recognize you?—I am registered in Tokyo and Yokohama as an American citizen. That may be found out. I always have claimed to be an American.

When you were in trouble in Japan, is it not a fact that the British community assisted you?—No. My uncle did. Mann may be living now?—No, he is not. Brandt sent him away and he died in the war. It was published in the Hongkong papers.

Defendant further stated that at Hongkong she was registered as Magdalene Brandt. Brandt was British, she understood, and the British authorities gave her a permit to come to Shanghai. She did not possess a passport. She married Waller by proxy.

The Magistrate—How by proxy? You cannot do that. Well, that is what I understood. I married him by proxy for my sister. How could I marry him when my sister is 25 and I am 32?

The Magistrate said that if defendant was an American he could not deal with her and if the Americans would not recognize her then it would be a case for the Mixed Court. At the moment he could not do any more. The police had better take her away and make further enquiries.

NATIONALITY DISCLOSED.

Later in the day defendant was again brought before the Magistrate and Mr. Maitland said that he would ask the Court to take jurisdiction. He said he would suggest that a certain C. F. A. Waller, whom defendant was alleged to have married in Hongkong, is a British subject. Waller was here in hospital but he (Mr. Maitland) had certain papers belonging to Waller, amongst them one describing Mrs. Waller as formerly Edith Brentnall, whose father was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne. "I think the lady will admit this," added Mr. Maitland.

The Magistrate—That only takes you to the fact that a lady named Edith Brentnall is the wife of a man called Waller.

Mr. Maitland—We say this is the lady in question and Waller will say so and I think the defendant also will say so. The Magistrate—Do you admit that you are the wife of Waller? Defendant—Yes.

That would make you a British subject?—Yes.

This morning you told me you had not married him—I said that because Waller did not know the trouble I had been in. It was about Brandt and his children.

You married a man called Mann?—Yes. He was British?—Yes.

When you married Waller you said that Mann was dead?—Yes. It was published in the papers in Hongkong. I made sure at the Colonial Office first. I was registered at the American Consulate in Japan but I am not now.

Then what you said this morning was not true?—No.

And you now claim to be British?—Yes.

You are not forced to say so. You really mean it?—Yes, I am British. You are quite certain?—No. You will not change your mind again?—No.

The defendant was remanded and allowed bail in two sureties of \$250 each.

THE KING OF SIAM.

The late Rt. Hon. Stephen Ronan, a former Lord Justice of Appeal and Privy Councillor in Ireland, bequeathed £20,000 to the Medical Research Council for the promotion of research in the relief of pain.

ANOTHER PIRACY. FISHING-BOAT MASTER'S STORY. CREW MAROONED AND JUNK STOLEN.

The story of how his fishing-boat was seized by pirates in Chinese waters, and he and his crew were marooned, was told to the Kowloon Water Police last night by Ho Fu, aged 28 years, the master of a fishing-boat.

He stated that at eight o'clock on February 28th, with a crew of three males, he left Tai O for Yung Ki, Heung Shan district. He carried a cargo of 25 piculs of fish.

When off Tung Ho, near White Rock he saw a boat coming towards him. The occupants of this boat called upon him to stop and one of them pointed a rifle at him. The boat, which proved to be manned by pirates came alongside and seven men came on board.

They drove him and his crew astern, cast their own boat adrift and took command, sailing the seized vessel towards Tung Ho. On reaching this point, they drove the master and his crew ashore, and then sailed away in the fishing-boat towards Macao.

The master and his men walked around the island until they came across a mat-shed, occupied by an old fisherman. Here they remained for seven days, leaving on March on a passing fishing junk for Hongkong. They arrived here on March 7th.

The police were only made acquainted with the details of the affair last evening.

The master states that his fishing boat was valued at \$75 and the cargo, etc., at \$175, and that the total value of everything stolen was \$250.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN GIBSON.

The funeral of Mr. John Gibson, of the Green Island Cement Company, who died at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, late on Thursday night, took place at the Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday evening, the Rev. J. Horne Johnston (Union Church, Kowloon), officiating at the graveside.

The late Mr. Gibson was only 31 years of age and his death occurred after a brief illness. He was taken ill about three weeks ago, and underwent a serious operation at the hospital. He had, in fact, taken a turn for the better, and his death was unexpected. The news of his demise being a shock to his colleagues and many friends, by whom he was held in much respect and high esteem.

He was the son of the late Mr. John and Mrs. Gibson, of Brunelton, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and much sympathy was felt for his mother at home, and also for his sister, the wife of Mr. James Adam, of Kowloon Dock, and to his brother-in-law.

The late Mr. Gibson was an engineer at the Green Island Cement Company. During the war he served in the Royal Navy, both in surface craft and submarines, much of the time in the North Sea. He held a chief engineer's certificate, and came to Hongkong in 1920 to join Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. He afterwards was for a time in the Takoo Sugar Refinery, and joined the Green Island Cement Company three years ago. Deceased was a member of the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

The principal mourner was Mr. James Adam (brother-in-law), and there were also present representatives of the Green Island Cement Company, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., as well as many personal friends, including Messrs. T. Arnott (works manager, Green Island Cement Company), R. Taylor (chief engineer), J. J. Cameron, S. S. Harris, B. V. Jemchoin, H. Goodier, E. Docherty, R. E. Hoare, G. H. Cuthill, J. C. Brown, J. E. Anderson, A. G. Gordan, Ah Ping, T. V. Harmon, V. H. G. Jarrett and others.

Wreaths were sent by the following: His Loving Mother, Margaret, Brothers and Sisters: Messrs. Thomas Arnott, H. Pooley, A. Keith, V. H. C. Jarrett, James Petrie, Ah Ping, Leung Ping and Tsang Yau, Mok Hoi and Lee Yuk Po (Hok On Cement Works); Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. McKelvie, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hoare, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and family, Mr. W. D. Bell and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cuthill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Docherty, European Staff of the Green Island Cement Company; The Hok On Cement Works Office Staff; The Old Factory Staff of the Hok On Cement Works; The Royal Golf Club; Members of the European Y.M.C.A.

THE KING OF SIAM.

INDICATIONS OF DEMOCRATIC TASTES.

The King of Siam received numerous messages of congratulation on his coronation from Kings and Presidents throughout the world.

King George conferred on him the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. The King also received messages of congratulation from the different communities in Bangkok.

Later the King and Queen appeared on the balcony of the Grand Palace when they were cheered by a large gathering of his subjects. This is a new departure and is hailed as an indication of his Majesty's democratic tastes.

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

TOTTENHAM'S FORCEFUL DISPLAY.

More progress was made in the Hongkong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament yesterday afternoon when quite a number of ties were played off.

R. E. Tottenham, who met and defeated C. W. Cheng with ease, was the chief attraction and his performance was the most forceful seen up to date. Tottenham played with his head and was always ready to receive his opponent's returns before the ball came to his side of the court. A feature of his play was his consistent, forehand drive, when he hit from the top of the bounce, the ball travelling at fast speed and landing with good length. His cross shots were most effective and beat his opponent very often. At the net Tottenham volleyed with gracefulness and accuracy. He avoided playing his backhand, and his anticipation allowing him time to run over to meet the balls with his forehand. Against a faster player he would find this harder to do.

Cheng's best was in the beginning, and at times afterwards he put in delightful strokes, but was totally eclipsed by his opponent's good form.

The match opened evenly, but after three games all had been called, Tottenham asserted his superiority and by strong forehand drives and all round play won the next three games and the first set. He continued to take the aggressive and forced the game on his opponent who could do little against such strong attacks.

J. S. Cassambhoy, one of the most promising young players in the tournament, met Owen Hughes and after some fast and interesting play, won the match by three sets to one. The standard of tennis was quite good and showed both men at their best. A great struggle was seen in the first set which went to eighteen games. Owen Hughes was seen to advantage with his height and reach, and visited the net very often where he covered the court very well by his ability and reach, and would have won the set early had he smashed better. Cassambhoy played a cool game and troubled his opponent by judicious lobbing, and his more consistent driving and placing won for him the first set. Owen Hughes, however, brought the scores level by excellent play in the second set. He had improved in smashing and was very deadly with his volleys. Cassambhoy could do nothing, and only claimed one game. But the young Indian lad was playing better at the base line, which is the foundation of the Singles games, and soon controlled the game and took the next two sets after some very fast play, with the loss of three games only.

H. S. Lee found Fincher's chops too low for him to use his favourite top spin forehand drive, which is his only good stroke, and suffered in consequence, winning only three games in each set. Fincher now meets Cassambhoy who will probably win in a five set match.

The doubles match between Silva and Wahab and Crook partnered by Summers was a one sided affair for the former who partnered well together and hit with accuracy.

A very interesting handicap doubles was when Lloyd and Armstrong (owe 3/6) met Redmond and Hett (owe 15/4). The former pair played well and pressed on every opportunity and eventually won by the odd set. Redmond and Hett found the handicap just a bit too much against them, but could have done better, if the former had played more consistently.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

OPEN SINGLES.—R. E. Tottenham beat C. W. Cheng, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2. J. A. Cassambhoy beat H. Owen Hughes, 10-3, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2. E. C. Fincher beat H. S. Lee, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

OPEN DOUBLES.—J. M. da Silva and Y. A. Wahab beat A. H. Crook and J. A. Summers, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

HANDICAP SINGLES.—B.—R. Frost (rec. 15) beat D. B. Peat (scr.), 2-6, 6-1, 7-5.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.—Capt. R. H. P. West and Lt. Col. M. Bates (owe 30) beat T. G. Bennett and G. S. Hugh-Jones (scr.), 6-1, 9-7. S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15) beat A. J. Hazeland and G. P. Lammert (rec. 4/6), 6-2, 6-3. L. M. S. Lloyd and H. J. Armstrong (owe 3/6) beat F. A. Redmond and A. S. Hett (owe 15/4) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Senior—First Round.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. Kowloon, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

R.A. v. Club de Recreo, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Hongkong Police v. H.M.S. Tamar, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Matthews.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. South China "A," H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Morlett.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

South China "C" v. University, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Fernie.

Kowloon are the visitors to the Hongkong F.C. ground to-day where they will meet the Club in the first round of the Shield Competition. J. Stewart will be absent from the Club team, his place being filled at centre-half by Howard who played a good game against the Tamar last week. The Club's weakest point will be the attack. Their defence is good and should be able to keep out Kowloon. The visitors will have Avery in goal, and Duncan will complete the forward line in the absence of McBride, through injury. A further meeting would not come as a surprise before a decision is arrived at.

On the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo, the Artillery receive the Club de Recreo, this game was scheduled for last week but a postponement was made late on Saturday morning. The Artillery have strengthened their team and a good game should be seen. The Club de Recreo have the better record, this season and expect to enter the semi-final of the Competition.

The Police and Tamar are due on St. Joseph's ground in a return league game and it should be very evenly contested. The Police will be without Simpson who is in hospital as the result of an accident in the New Territory. The sailors will be out to repeat their former success when in the opening game of the season they defeated the Police by two clear goals. Since that date the Police have made several changes and they expect to reverse the result to-day.

St. Joseph's won the game with South China "A" in the early part of the season by two goals to nil but owing to an infringement of the rules, i.e., playing a man who was not registered, the game was ordered to be replayed, and these teams meet to-day on the Hongkong Club ground. On present form the South China team should win.

On the Sookunpoo ground the University are due to meet South China "C" who to date have not been defeated. A good game should be seen and a division of points would not come as a surprise.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT.

SHANGHAI TEAM TO VISIT HONGKONG.

Shanghai Portuguese football team are to come to Hongkong about April 7th, for the interport football match against Hongkong Portuguese footballers.

The Northerners have invited the South China A.A. to play them during their stay here, and the Shanghai men hope that such a fixture will be arranged.

GOLF.

LADIES' MEN MATCH POSTPONED.

An exceptionally interesting match had been arranged to be played at Fanling to-morrow between the Ladies and the Men, but through unforeseen circumstances this match has had to be unavoidably postponed at the last moment, to the great disappointment of all concerned, who were keenly anticipating the event.

The match will now be played in the Autumn.

According to the fixture card of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club there are no competitions fixed for this week-end at Fanling.

LADIES' SECTION.

INTERESTING MEDAL COMPETITION.

An interesting medal competition, which should attract many entrants, has been arranged in connection with the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

This competition will be played over eighteen holes on the Deep Water Bay Course, for four prizes being given by Mrs. A. Denison, of Deep Water Bay, who is leaving the Colony shortly.

The competition, which will extend over two weeks, beginning on Tuesday, March 16th, and concluding on Tuesday, March 30th, on which day Mrs. Denison will present the trophies to the winners at the Deep Water Bay Clubhouse. A charge of 20 cents a card will be made, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will enter the competition, in view of the fact that all proceeds are to be sent to the London Hospital.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

To-day there are five matches to be played, one League match in the Second Division and four "Friendlies."

The League match between the Police and the Varsity 2nd XI. has no bearing on the Championship of the Division, but both teams will complete their League fixture programme by this match.

The fixtures are as under:—

LEAGUE II.

University 2nd XI v. Police R.C. on the University ground.

FRIENDLIES.

Club "Outcasts" v. Royal Navy on the H.K.F.C. ground.

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Artillery on the K.C.C. ground.

Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Engineers on the C.C.C. ground.

Civil Service C.C. "A" v. Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI on the C.S.C.C. ground.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS.

The following will be the teams in a whole-day match between Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI. against the University 1st XI. on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m. on the University ground:—

Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI.—Dr. R. Ponsonby Fane, Col. A. S. Cantrell, Col. T. E. Halsey, Mid. J. Stephenson, Mid. Simms, Messrs. E. J. R. Mitchell, C. R. Sawyer, W. Hunt, J. H. B. Nihill, Capt. D. J. Allfree, and Mr. J. L. Youngs.

University 1st XI.—Messrs. A. A. Rum-jahn, H. N. Bahatchel, A. S. Hett, C. W. Lam, W. M. Gittins, D. Loring, Dr. D. K. Samy, Messrs. S. Hachima, E. Zimmern, S. V. Gittins, and E. P. Ng.

YACHTING.

IMPORTANT WEEK-END RACES.

There will be a full yachting programme again this week-end, when races will take place for the greatest prize of the season, namely the Commodore's Cup.

To-day the racing classes will sail for the trophy, and their course will be: start from the Yacht Club, proceeding to Mark in Quarry Bay, East Rock Buoy and Lyemun Beacon, turning there and sailing to Kowloon Rock and Channel Rocks, and finishing at the Yacht Club Line. The distance of this course is approximately ten miles.

To-morrow the Cruiser classes will compete for the trophy, and starting from the Yacht Club, their course will be: via Wapian, Mark on Line and return to the Club Line via Channel Rocks, a distance of 24 miles.

The race to-morrow will also decide the cruiser championship, for which at present two boats are tying with the same number of points, namely *Cogitate* and *Versamen*. According to the results of this race they will take first or second place in the championship, with *U* and *I* third.

BOXING.

An interesting programme has been arranged for the next tournament under the auspices of the Hongkong Boxing Association, which is to be held on Saturday, March 20th.

The programme contains six contests. It is likely that the main event will be a fifteen round contest between Kid Alfred, of Manila, and Stoke, Neuglin, of the French flagship *Jules Michelet*.

MOTOR LICENCES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

£17,233,000 IN TAXATION.

According to statistics issued last month by the Minister of Transport, the total number of motor vehicles, excluding tractors and trade licences, in respect of which licences were current on November 30th last was 1,410,000. This total included 568,000 cars taxed on horse-power, 491,000 cycles, 222,000 commercial goods vehicles, and 84,000 motor hackneys. The average receipt in respect of a whole-year licence was £15 8s. for cars taxed on horse-power; £2 13s. 6d. for cycles; £21 1s. 6d. for commercial goods vehicles, and £21 5s. for motor hackneys. As regards horse-drawn vehicles, it is shown that 153,457 licences were current two months ago.

The total gross receipts for the twelve months ended November 30th last were £17,233,238. Rebates allowed in respect of pre-1913 engines in the period amounted approximately to £120,000, and approximately £133,000 was refunded in respect of the surrender of 21,872 licences under Section 16 (1) of the Finance Act, 1924. The gross receipts, it is added, are subject to further adjustments as regards other refunds.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

The anti-cyclone is moving Eastward towards South-West Japan. The depression over Northern China appears to be deepening. The monsoon is interrupted to the North of Amoy, and is moderate over the China Sea.

Local forecast: East or variable winds, moderate to light, generally cloudy, some rain and fog.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

A SINGAPORE COMMENT.

The *Singapore Free Press*, in a leading article says:—

Singapore is committed to the replacement of its trams by railless buses and some of the new vehicles are in the course of erection in the Harbour Board Godowns at Keppel. The new company has been very vigorously at work since the lengthy legal formalities were concluded, and, curiously enough, the trams seem more popular and nearer paying their way now than at any previous time in their history. They are fully loaded at times, occasionally over-loaded, though there are spells when the traffic hardly justifies the running expenses. The rails are being attended to, but seem almost to have reached the limit of their lives. It was reading an account of a meeting in Hongkong that set us thinking of the tram as an omnibus question. Mr. Bernard, the chairman of the Hongkong Electric Tramways Co., took the occasion of the twenty-first birthday of the concern to discuss the cry of "scrap the trams," which, by the way, has again been revived at Home. He laid it down that buses were ideal for country traffic, where the service will not warrant high capital expenditure, but in towns, where a four minute service or less is required, the electric tramway reigned supreme. Mr. Bernard quoted the case of Hongkong, that in the two days preceding Chinese New Year in 1925, the Hongkong Tramways carried a quarter of a million passengers, besides monthly ticket holders, and he asked "Can one visualise the state of the streets between Bay Garden Road and Sincere's had we attempted to carry this number of people by motor omnibuses. It would require 200 single-deck buses to replace eighty tram cars, and not only would this cause acute traffic congestion, but the operating costs per passenger would be increased by not less than \$300,000 per annum, which represents the difference between the cost of petrol and electricity." We will not venture to visualise this statement, but it apparently pleased the shareholders; at all events they agreed to a dividend of 60 cents on the 25 share. The ultimate struggle between the electric omnibus properly organised, and the motor bus run on petrol, will ultimately turn upon the cost of the service. Sometimes we think, on seeing the number of buses and the little attention paid to their upkeep and running expenses, that it can't be a very remunerative investment when allowance is made for deterioration, but undoubtedly the speculation is one that attracts the man with a little money, who only looks on the fact that for an initial expenditure of a few hundred dollars (not even that on the hire purchase system) he can make thirty dollars a month profit. The short life and the merry one suits the native, the speculator rather than the investor. Trams vs. motor buses, electric or petrol, is a problem with which we are less concerned, however, than the maintenance and provision of travelling accommodation for the workers. Eliminating the joy rider, not a small element in the traffic, the extension of the town has made it absolutely necessary for men and women and children to travel considerable distances for work, or household management, or for school. It seems, at present, as if all the trams and buses and rikshas combined can hardly cope with the numbers that wish to travel. When the trams have gone, they must be replaced by an equivalent in electric buses, which, no doubt, has been carefully provided for. It seems hardly possible to do with fewer motor buses than at present, at the rush hours. Rikshas continue to be a favourite means of getting about and the number on the streets does not seem excessive for the wants of the populace. When there are more rikshas than passengers, the number will automatically decrease. Till then it would be wrong to try and deprive the poor of their favourite means of transport for any such reason as that they are not skilled in the rules of the road nor thoughtful of other vehicles. That applies to more vehicles than the rikshas. Those who advocate abolition of rikshas, because they are a nuisance, do not sufficiently study the needs of the poor. Unless the riksha is wanted, it will not stay. And this ultimately will settle the vexed question of trams vs. buses of kinds, or other modes of locomotion.



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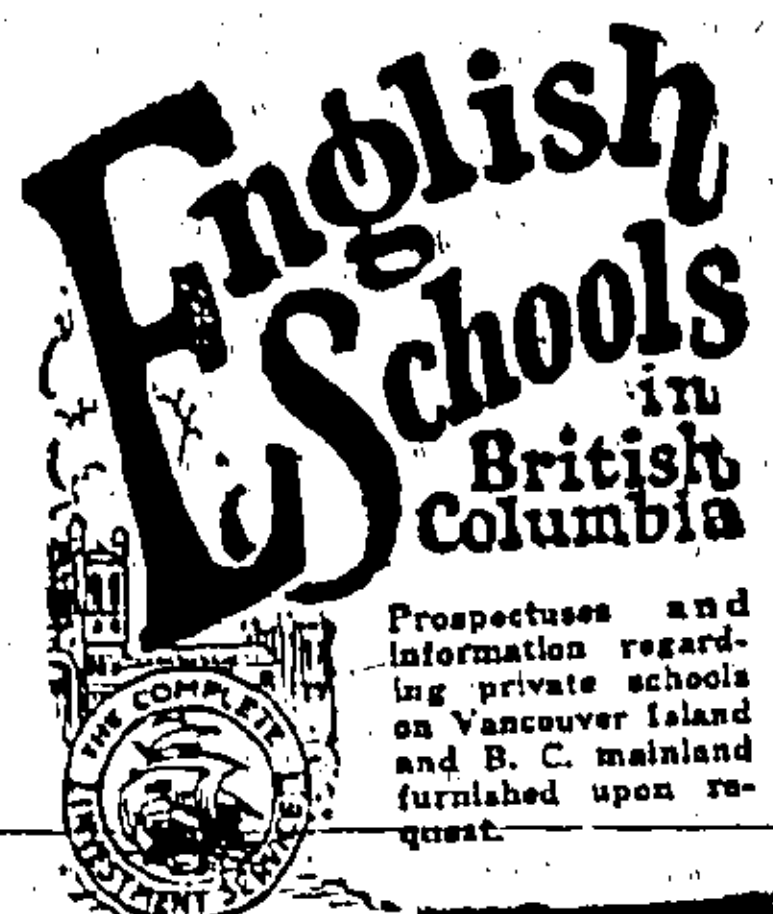
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SHAKESPEARE'S WILL. THE SECOND BEST BED.

When Shakespeare in his will of 1616 left the second best bed to his wife Anne, he did not realize the problem he was bequeathing to future generations. This problem has long vexed the minds of his admirers, who would fain think him a good husband as well as a great poet. Now a good husband does not cut off his wife with a shilling; and to that testamentary insult it has seemed just to compare the second best bed.

In a recent number of *Notes and Queries* Mr. S. O. Addy who is well known in certain directions of antiquarian research, presents a seven-column argument to the end of rescuing Shakespeare's memory from the stigma on his sense of right and wrong. Mr. Addy's conclusion, in brief, is that the second best bed in no way expressed the full intentions of the testator. He ventures even to suggest a reason why the best bed was not mentioned. And first he quotes Sir Sidney Lee's summary in the last edition of the "Life":—

The name of Shakespeare's wife was omitted from the original draft of the will, but by an interpolation in the final draft she received his "second best bed with the furniture." No other bequest was made her. It was a common practice of the period to specify a bedstead or other defined article of household furniture as part of a wife's inheritance. Nor was it unusual to bestow the best bed on another member of the family than the wife, leaving her only second best, but no will except Shakespeare's is forthcoming in which a bed forms the sole bequest.

Her right to a widow's dower—i.e., to a third part for life in freehold estate—was not subject to testamentary disposition, but Shakespeare had taken steps to prevent her from benefiting—at any rate, to the full extent—in that legal arrangement. He had barred the dower in the case of his latest purchase of freehold estate, viz., the house at Blackfriars. Such procedure is pretty conclusive proof that he had the intention of excluding her from the enjoyment of his possessions after his death.

CONTEMPORARY WILLS.

It will be noticed that Sir Sidney Lee expressly allows that Mistress Shakespeare's right to a widow's dower or third part was not subject to testamentary disposition. Mr. Addy shows how old was the doctrine in common law of "the reasonable part" as applicable both to wives and children. Laid down by Bracton, who died in 1268, it continued over a considerable part of England until the 17th century was nearly its end, and in London as late as 1724.

In the absence of any collection of Warwickshire wills, Mr. Addy has had to rely on the wills of other counties. Here evidence of the recognition of the common law rights of widows and children frequently appears. It is exceptional in many published series of wills for the testator to bequeath the shares to which their families were entitled by the common law. The "reasonable parts" were often called portions, and that men spoke of their wives' portions and their children's portions as if they were vested rights.

There was, then, no need for Shakespeare to give to his wife any part of his fortune, seeing that her right was strictly prescribed. But Mr. Addy proceeds to traverse Sir Sidney Lee's assertion that no will except Shakespeare's is forthcoming in which a bed forms the sole bequest; and he does so by quoting a case from the York Probate Registry:—

In 1905 John Hill, of Grimsthorpe, near Sheffield, after giving some pecuniary legacies to his friends and relations, gave to his wife his best bed, and he gave her nothing more. He bequeathed his lands to trustees to the use of his daughters, saying nothing about dower, and he also gave to his daughters the residue of his estate. The will was proved by Rose Hill, the widow and relict, to the use of Elizabeth, Anne, and Grace, children under age.

To the inexperienced it would appear that he had treated his wife very badly by leaving her nothing but his best bed, thereby giving her less than he had given to distant relations and friends. Yet she proved his will, and was in fact treated with perfect fairness, for by the common law she was entitled not only to dower in his lands but to a third part of all his money, goods, and chattels.

This will, we are told, is on all fours with Shakespeare's, except that John Hill's widow proved his will, whereas Shakespeare's widow, who was past 60, was not appointed executrix. In neither case did the husband behave with cruelty, or show a want of affection for his wife.

But some poring fellow, such as Dr. Johnson, contended, "Many object that Shakespeare did not leave his best bed, after the example of John Hill, nor 'one of the best beds within my house,' as did Philip Morton, of Bradfield, South Yorkshire, in 1550. No, he conferred his liberality to the second best bed, and, though he included the furniture belonging to it, he did not like Philip Morton, add a cow."

Many have tried to explain this second best legacy. Professor Dowden remarks that perhaps Shakespeare chose a particular bed "to indulge some fancy" of his wife's. That wives do indulge fancies for particular articles of furniture, and for particular articles of furniture, and not always the most intrinsically

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WOMAN WHO LOVED BLUE BOOKS.

OFFICIAL ADVENTURES.

HER UNIQUE POSITION AT THE HOME OFFICE.

Miss Rose E. Squire, the woman who beat the "Gombein Man," as Sir Malcolm Delevingne, of the Home Office, hinted at a dinner given in her honour, related the story to an *Evening Standard* representative.

Miss Squire has just retired from the Home Office after working in connection with it for thirty years, and being the only woman on its administrative side. Apart from her adventures in the service she has attained distinction as a woman who loved bluebooks and learned them by heart.

In a message which the Queen has sent to her it was observed that Miss Squire's record is "worthy of the best traditions of the Civil Service and should prove an inspiring example to those who follow after."

Sir Malcolm Delevingne spoke of the days when Miss Squire was a woman factory inspector and mentioned that she had in that capacity "many joyous and gallant adventures."

Miss Squire laughingly said when interviewed that Sir Malcolm must have meant her adventures with the Gombein man in Ireland at the time when she was obtaining evidence for and conducting prosecutions in connection with the Truck Act.

The Truck Act, which prohibits the payment for work done by goods instead of money, was, Miss Squire explained, not being enforced in those days, and she was sent over in about 1900 to the North of Ireland, where abuses were prevalent. The Gombein man was a familiar figure in that part of Ireland as the man who gave out work to the peasants in the cottages and who would pay them in goods just what he thought he would. "The women," Miss Squire said, "were really in slavery to the local shopkeeper. He gave them a coat with which to knit garments, and for this he would find in one instance perhaps the price he was debiting them with tea at 3s. to 4s. per lb., which was being sold to his customers at 1s.

I went as a tourist and stayed in small hotels in out-of-the-way places, cycling around the district and dropping in on the cabins.

"The poor people were too frightened to come to court voluntarily to give evidence against their employers, and so we had to *sulphure* them."

When the cases began to come on the whole neighbourhood rose against this Englishwoman who had come to upset the Irish countryside, and the mutterings and murmurings became so serious that Dublin Castle and the Home Office grew rather afraid that something might happen to Miss Squire, so she had to be accompanied everywhere she went by members of the Irish Constabulary.

FASCINATION OF BLUE BOOKS.

One of the things claimed for her at last night's dinner by one of her friends was that there is, not an Act of Parliament, a Blue Book, or a section of a Blue Book referring to her department that Miss Squire cannot quote.

"Well, why not?" she said. "After all, if one is a Civil Servant one must take one's job seriously, and I would much rather know the whole of an Act or a Blue Book than simply reply on extracts from either. Why not? Blue Books have always had a fascination for me. But learning them meant a good deal of study."

"In the days when I became a factory inspector, you see, women did not get the legal training that some of them do now. Women factory inspectors to-day are often women who have been called to the Bar, but I had to study Blue Books and Acts for the simple purpose of getting to know what was necessary for me in my work."

valuable, is common knowledge. Mr. Addy, however, with a large dependence on immovable property, cautiously proffers another theory. He bids us not to forget that a bed was frequently made to an heirloom, and suggests that Shakespeare's best bed may have been affixed to the panelling or framework of the New Place.

HOUSE AT BLACKFRIARS.

The next point concerns the house at Blackfriars. It stood within 600ft. of the Blackfriars Theatre. That theatre, as we like to remember, occupied part of the site now covered by *The Times* Office. The house was bought by Shakespeare in 1613 for £140, and immediately mortgaged for £200. By a conveyancing device his wife's dower was barred, and the Blackfriars property was bequeathed to Susanna, the poet's daughter, with the debt upon it unredeemed. Consequently, Susanna got only an equity of redemption.

The common law entitled the wife to dower in the freeholds of the testator, among which the house at Blackfriars would not be included, owing to the unredeemed mortgage. She had also the right to remain in her husband's capital mansion (New Place in Stratford-on-Avon) for 40 days after his death, during which time her dower must be assigned to her. Mr. Addy is "pretty sure" that Susanna and her husband, Dr. Hall, would agree to the settlement of the one-third of the estate without compulsion. We others can at least hope so.

USE OF MOTOR SHIPS. WORLD'S INCREASE.

The naval correspondent of the *London Daily News* says that one-third of the new British tonnage consists of motor ships, which represented 85 per cent. of the world's shipping constructed in 1925, as compared with 20½ per cent. in 1924.

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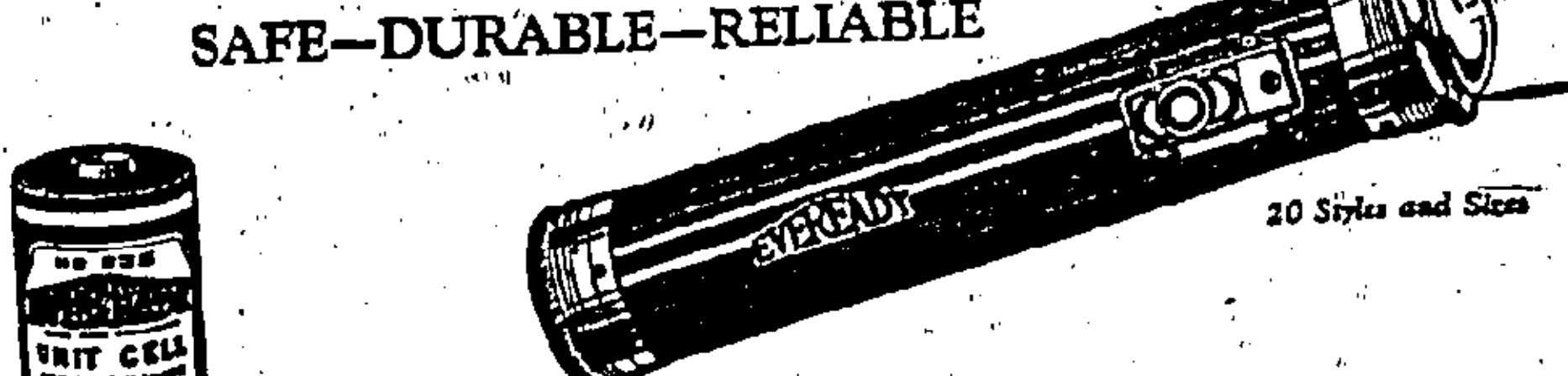
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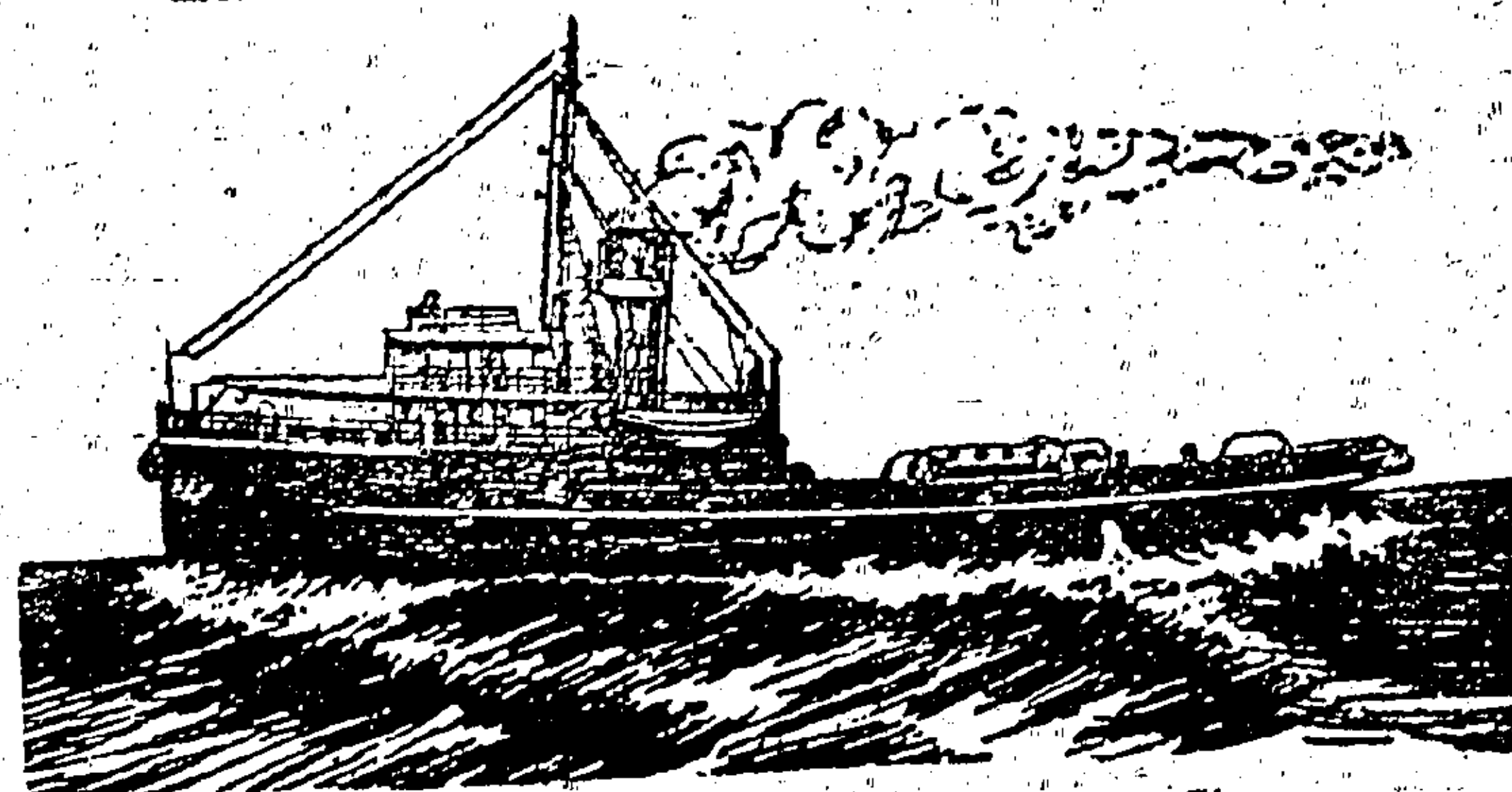
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Wingate, British str., 4,540 tons, Capt. R. H. Stringer, O.B.E., R.N.R., from Kobe and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

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March 12th.

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the number of vessels in the Harbour at 9 a.m. was 66, of which 29 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were nine arrivals, three British, two French, one American, two Japanese and one Chinese. The departures over the same period came to seven, one for Swatow, one for Hoihow, one for Tsingtau, one for Kobe, one for Singapore, one for Takao and one for Calcutta; with four clearances, three for Kwang Chow Wan and one for Singapore.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 13,471 tons.
For ports beyond 5,313
Total 18,784

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Thursday.)

For Hongkong 7,437 tons.
For ports beyond 14,933
Total 22,370

An unusual feature was that for once cargo for Hongkong exceeded that for ports beyond, but this was due to the fact that an entry of 6,300 tons of oil was made by a British steamer. Other entries for Hongkong included one of 2,200 tons of general cargo, carried by a British steamer and two entries by other nationalities of over one thousand tons each. Of the cargo for Hongkong, 9,237 tons were carried by British steamers. The remainder of the entries were all under one thousand tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:

Empress of Canada (British) from Vancouver and Shanghai with 457 tons of general cargo, mail and 200 tons for Manila.

Perth (British) from Balikpapan with 6,500 tons of oil.

Chong Chuan (British) from Melbourne and Manila with 2,300 tons of flour and general cargo, mail and 1,300 tons for ports beyond.

Wingate (French) from Haiphong with 1,200 tons of general cargo and mail.

Chong Sang (French) from Fort Bayard with 750 tons of general cargo.

Chong Sang (American) from Manila with 200 tons of general cargo, mail and 2,015 tons for ports beyond.

Kobe Maru (Japanese) from Koolung with 675 tons of general cargo, mail and 240 tons for ports beyond.

Chong Sang (Japanese) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 2,580 tons for ports beyond.

Chong Sang (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 750 tons of general cargo.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, included:

Chong Sang (British) from Weihaiwei with general cargo.

Chong Sang (British) from Shanghai with 500 tons of general cargo and mail.

Kobe Maru (British) from Shanghai with a full entry for Hongkong, mail and 2,400 tons of general cargo for ports beyond.

Chong Sang (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,550 tons of general cargo, mail and 700 tons for ports beyond.

Chong Sang (British) from Straits with general cargo and mail.

Chong Sang (Dutch) from Amoy.

Chong Sang (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore with 450 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,215 tons for ports beyond.

SHIPPING NOTES.

With reference to an official notification earlier in the week, which stated that the Japanese motor vessel *Fuochi Maru* was lying sunk in 324 fathoms East of the Southern end of the Hoihow Wharf at Wooning, it is now notified that the wreck of the *Fuochi Maru* has been lifted and the Channel is now clear of obstruction.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., four boat-mistresses were each fined \$5, or five days' hard labour in default, for causing an obstruction at the Yau-mai Police Pier.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 585, of which 225 were carried by the *s.s. President Wilson* from Manila.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

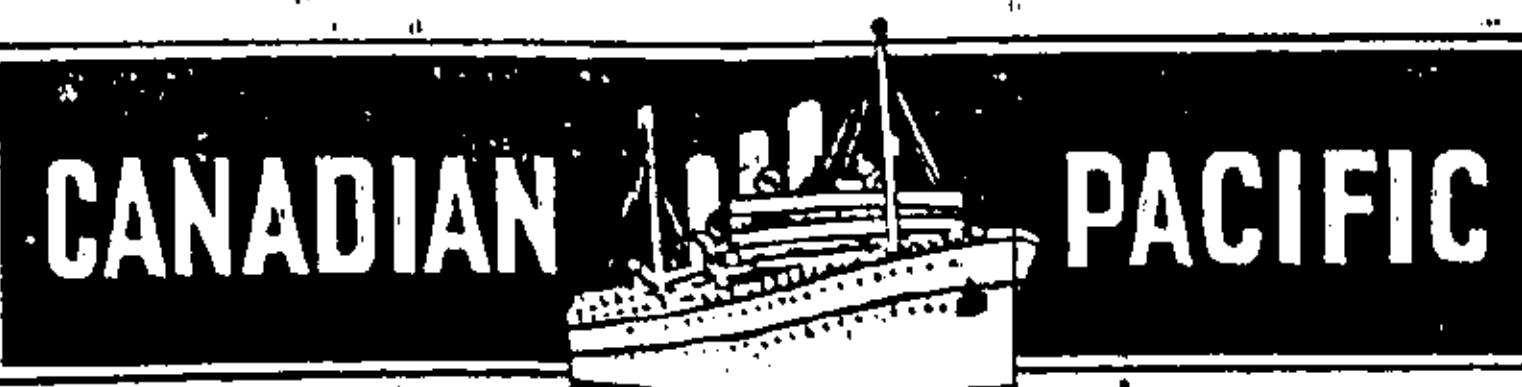
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STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March 13th.....	6.33 a.m.	6.32 p.m.
" 14th.....	6.31 "	6.32 "
" 15th.....	6.33 "	6.32 "
" 16th.....	6.32 "	6.33 "
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" 27th.....	6.22 "	6.37 "
" 28th.....	6.21 "	6.37 "
" 29th.....	6.20 "	6.37 "
" 30th.....	6.19 "	6.38 "
" 31st.....	6.18 "	6.38 "

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong last night—*Ting Sang*, *Hong Kong*, *Empress of Canada*, *Yung Sang*, *Sookho*, *Kalgan*, *Kashmir*, *Siva Maru*, *President Wilson*, *City of Wellington*, *Haining*, *Sui Sang*, *Lai Sang*, *Hwan Maru*, *Yung Sang*, *Protestant*, *West O'Brien*, *Jeppore*, *Hanoi*, *Talno*, *Bintang*, *Shinai Maru*, *Altai Maru*, *Kumho*, *Paclet*, *President Taff*, *West Norontum*, *Yung Maru*, *Asuma Maru*, *Parthia*, *U.S.S. Nga*, *Suma Maru*, *Anking*, *Ozaka Maru*, *Corona*, *Ranella*, *Ho Sang*, *Chak Sang*, *Titarang*, *Takada*, *Kotai Maru*, *Rosang*, *West Carman*, *Yung Maru*.



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TOYOOKA MARU ... Monday, 29th Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

NAGATO MARU ... Saturday, 20th Mar.
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AKI MARU ... Thursday, 18th Mar.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SHINYO MARU ... Friday, 12th Mar.
MITO MARU ... Tuesday, 16th Mar.
TSUSHIMA MARU ... Thursday, 18th Mar.
KANAGAWA MARU ... Saturday, 20th Mar.
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The M.M. s.s. *Paul Leont*, from Saigon is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 16th of March instead of the 17th, and will be dispatched for Shanghai on the 16th inst., not before noon.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due March 25th.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—
Kowloon Dock.—Passet, Tangistan, Seistan, Sing Wo.
Taikoo Dock.—Kinshan, Kweiyang, Suinyang, Philadelphia.
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KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Sunday	14th Mar., at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Tuesday	16th Mar., at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN	"CHIPSANG"	Tuesday	16th Mar., at Noon
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Wednesday	17th Mar., at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUNTSANG"	Wednesday	17th Mar., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via MOJI	"HANGSANG"	Friday	19th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Friday	19th Mar., at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUNTSANG"	Friday	19th Mar., at 3 p.m.
RANGOON via SINGAPORE	"KUNTSANG"	Wednesday	31st Mar., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI	"KUNTSANG"	Sunday	4th April, at 7 a.m.

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"CARMARTHENSHIRE"	15th "

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Vessel	Discharges	Leaves Hongkong
"GLENNAMOI"	...	7th Apr.
"GLENSHANE"	...	4th May
"CARMARTHENSHIRE"	...	1st June

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PAUL LECAT	13th Apr., "
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AMAZONE	25th May, "
D'ARTAGNAN	8th June, "

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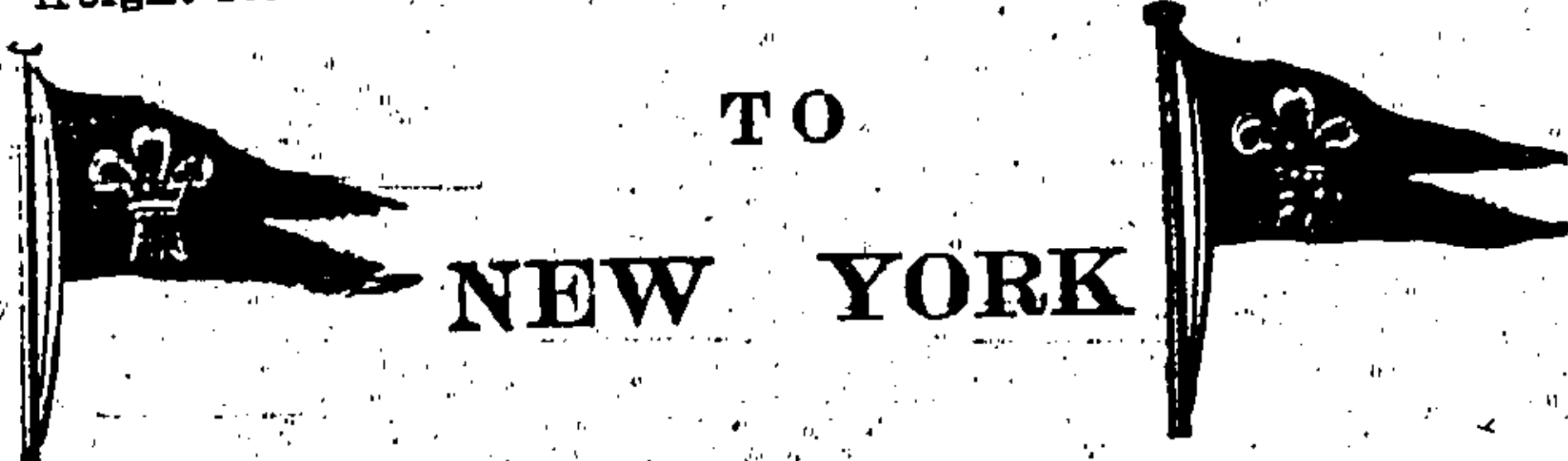
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"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar. Noon	Marseilles, London, Anwerp & Hall.
"MOOREA"	10,818	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	6th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"LAHORE"	5,252	11th Apr.	Singapore and Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALWA"	9,541	29th May	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,128	10th July	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,555	24th July	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	7th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	do.
"TARADA"	6,949	31st Mar.	do.

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"TANDA"	8,985	2nd June	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th July	do.

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	14th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	22nd Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"JAPAN"	6,053	22nd Mar.	Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"PERION"	7,548	5th April.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th Apr.	Shanghai.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"ARAFURA"	8,000	25th June	Shanghai only.
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